

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee
FROM: Jeff Cuthbertson, Utilities Manager
REFERENCE: S308
DATE: 6 May 2009
SUBJECT: **MARAHAU SEWERAGE SCHEME SUBSIDY**

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform the Engineering Services Committee of the potential availability of a subsidy for the Marahau Sewerage Scheme.

2 BACKGROUND

In 2003 the Tasman District Council applied to the Sanitary Works Technical Advisory Committee for preliminary approval for a subsidy for the Marahau Sewerage Scheme. Preliminary approval was granted.

To achieve further approval a conceptual desktop exercise was required. No further work was undertaken in regard to design or community consultation. The project was specifically not included in Council's LTCCP 2006.

3 COMMENT

Council has now been asked by the Ministry of Health if it wishes to proceed with the application and building of the scheme.

A more detailed design, estimates and treatment option studies would be required to proceed with an application. There is no current budget for this work. It is believed that the government's Sanitary Works Subsidy Scheme has been oversubscribed and it is unlikely that Council would gain a significant subsidy from any further application.

4 LONG TERM PLAN / ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

This project is not included in the current Draft Ten Year Plan 2009-2019. However, Council has included the construction of a new sewerage scheme for Marahau in its 20-year Activity Management Plan in years 19-20 (2027-2028 and 2028-2029). The capital cost estimate (excluding inflation) is \$2,850,000.

5 SUBSIDY OFFER

Council intends to inform the Ministry of Health that it does not intend to uplift the sewerage subsidy as it does not have a project to utilise the funding.

6 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received.

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