

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chair and Members, Engineering Services Committee

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REFERENCE: W199

SUBJECT: **Takaka Water Supply Subsidy Application – RESC-11-03-07-DEC**
Report prepared for meeting of 17 March 2011

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Engineering Services Committee of the outcome of the public consultation and the status of the Takaka water subsidy application.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Staff reported to the Engineering Services Committee on 3 February 2011 regarding the proposal to make an application to the Ministry of Health for a Drinking Water Subsidy for the proposed Takaka community water supply.
- 2.2 Following that meeting, Cr Norriss and the Utilities Asset Manager presented the report to the Golden Bay Community Board.
- 2.3 At the Community Board meeting it was agreed to send a letter to all landowners in the area within the Takaka community water supply area. The letter (copy attached) generally outlined the proposal to apply for a Ministry of Health subsidy.

3 COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- 3.1 Letters were sent to 556 landowners asking them to indicate their support or non-support for Tasman District Council to apply to the Ministry of Health for a Drinking Water Subsidy. The letter clearly stated that the scheme would only go ahead if:
- There was community support for the initiative
 - The subsidy application was successful
 - The cost to the ratepayer was acceptable
- 3.2 Of the 556 letters sent out, 304 were returned with a clear majority of 289 against Tasman District Council making application to the Ministry of Health for a fully reticulated water scheme on behalf of the Takaka community. Fifteen responses supported the proposal.

4 COMMUNITY BOARD

- 4.1 The support and help of the Golden Bay Community Board is acknowledged during this public consultation process. A separate report noting the lack of support for the drinking water subsidy for Takaka will be presented to the April Community Board meeting.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives this report, RESC-11-03-07-DEC, Takaka Water Supply Subsidy Application.**
- 5.2 THAT as a consequence of the consultation with the Takaka water supply community, Tasman District Council does not apply to the Ministry of Health for a Drinking Water Subsidy for the Takaka township as noted in this report, RESC-11-03-07-DEC.**

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