

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chairman & Members, Engineering Services Committee  
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**SUBJECT:** Pohara Water Supply

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## BACKGROUND

To obtain from the Engineering Services Committee support to suspend the feasibility study of the Pohara water supply. The suspension is due to the unknowns that may be reflected in the new water standards and the pending Health Amendment Bill, expected to go before Parliament next year.

## COMMENT

Council has undertaken some consultation with the potential consumers of water in the area from Takaka to Pohara, including Ligar Bay and Tata Beach. The outcome of this consultation was reported to the Engineering Services Committee on 29 September 2005.

It was resolved at the Engineering Services Committee meeting that Council should proceed with a feasibility study into the pipe sizing and costs etc.

## Health Amendment Bill

The Health Amendment Bill and the new water standards may reflect an outcome that has not been addressed in the feasibility study and this may affect the consultation process and outcome.

To ensure that the potential consumers are fully consulted and that the best information possible is detailed, it is believed that the feasibility study needs to be suspended pending the outcomes of the government's bill.

## RECOMMENDATION

**That the Engineering Services Committee defers the feasibility study into the Pohara water supply until there is more certainty about the Health Act (Drinking Water) Amendment Bill.**

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