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Hello Rob

Please see the PDP report attached. I have just received it from PDP.

Kind regards

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Thanks for that Selva,

Regarding your comment about Taumata Arowai, I asked whether WCRC had notified Taumata Arowai when I first became aware of this issue back in September 2023. Chris Barnes advised that he was going to contact the Christchurch regulatory team leader and notify them of the issue.

Jocelyne – you might want to check in with Chris and see whether this has happened.

Under the RMA, MfE has no operational functions or powers to directly regulate activities, as the regulatory duties powers and functions sit with local government.

MfE's role is to provide advice to the Minister and the government about (among other things) the effectiveness of the resource management system, and so my interest in this situation is about understanding whether the regulatory system is working as it should to appropriately manage environmental risks, rather than becoming involved in the regulatory response to resolve the issues at the site.

Look forward to receiving the information from PDP when it comes through.

Regards
Rob

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Hello Rob

Great to hear from you and I did anticipate crossing paths but haven't realised it would have taken this long

By the way you will be pleased to know the groundwater paper you (your MSc thesis related paper), I and Chris (CE WRC) published has been the highest quoted paper among my ResearchGate papers and publications.

As for the TRPL landfill issues as you are aware EPA has been involved and now MfE is being involved. If a community water supply is allegedly implicated, I wonder the most relevant govt agency *Taumata Arowai* (drinking water supply regulator) has been aware of the issue. Section 35 of the Water Services Act 2021 is relevant to GDC, s46 for WRC (which I passed onto our science section) and s62 for *Taumata Arowai*.

Carl Steffans (PDP) reassured me yesterday that he would submit the report today.

Kind regards

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Hi Selva,

Nice to cross paths again!

Thanks for keeping me updated, I look forward to hearing more tomorrow.

Regards
Rob

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Hello Rob


Hope all is well.

Just to let you know our commissioned short-report on TRPL landfill leachate impacts which was due today (actually last Friday but there was key info (a recently submitted AEE for a discharge consent application from TRPL's consultants which had some useful info) being sent till early last Friday) will not be available today and PDP (our hydrogeology consultants) has promised to submit the report by tomorrow (please see the email chains below FYI). Once received the report we will forward the report to you.

Kind regards

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