



ADDENDUM TO THE SOUTHERN SECTOR STUDY (JULY 2010)

This addendum modifies the intention of the Future Proof partnership to implement Recommended Action 7 (on pages 28-29) of the Southern Sector Study (July 2010) which states as follows that:

As part of the 3 waters strategy there should be an assessment of the options available for servicing Peacockes and the Airport jointly including the associated costs and risks of each option. The assessment should also consider the additional costs and risks of connecting to (and not connecting) other areas including unreticulated (Tamahere and Rukuhia) and reticulated (Matangi).

The scope of the terms of reference of the Strategy Project should include a scope to consider Water Use as distinct from Water Supply or Wastewater, with objectives being focussed on identification of ways to encourage / require more efficient use (and re-use) of water within urban areas (e.g. building technologies, subdivision & development guidelines, grey water re-use).

Consideration of ways to minimise corridor costs (via coordination with transport, recreation corridors etc) should also be included to the scope, to focus on integration of land use and infrastructure provision.

Similarly the costs (capex and opex) of options being considered should be considered – albeit at high levels and this should fall within the brief to enable robust comparison. Also the strategy should consider the outcomes of the review of the septic tank standards.

The Waikato District Council raised a number of concerns with the Southern Sector Study (“Study”) in relation to:

- The need for reticulated wastewater services and the justification and financial viability of these; and
- The pressures on the Tamahere community to change its current structure plan approach to accommodate increased densities to fund waste water reticulation;

Therefore the Future Proof Implementation Committee at its February 2011 meeting considered that no further action would be taken in relation to Recommended Action 7 of the Study since Waikato District Council has no intention of reticulating Tamahere given that the existing community is opposed to this action and neither is it financially feasible to do so.

Also despite investigations, there are no known wastewater standards which indicate cumulative impacts of large numbers of small countryside living lots. The Study’s recommendations (particularly action 7) are strongly predicated on there being a non-reticulated development threshold intensity being reached which would give rise to the need for reticulation. In addition there would have to be selected locations of higher development densities to assist with the economics of reticulation.

This approach cuts across the Waikato District’s approach to structure planning for Tamahere.

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