

25 February 2019

Dovedale Rural Water Supply Customers

Dear Customers

Follow up from the public meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the public meeting last Thursday night. We hope the meeting provided some context to some of the challenges and risks that the scheme users face if the drought progresses. We will continue to use the Dovedale Water Supply email distribution list to keep you up to date. We also are open to the possibility of hosting another meeting if there is interest from the wider community.

The purpose of this letter is to provide further detail about some of the questions that we were unable to answer at the meeting.

Units and connections

Nine hundred and twenty-six (926) units are supplied by the Dovedale scheme through 260 connections. The table below shows a breakdown in unit ranges:

Number of connections	Number of Units per connection
15	10+
27	5-9
49	3-4
153	2
16	1
260 (total)	926 (total)

Financial data

The total budget for the Dovedale Water Rural Supply Scheme for the 2018/19 financial year is \$495,615.00, which is collected from the 926 units sold at a rate of \$655.15/m³ (including GST) for the first 2m³ and \$504.47/m³ (including GST) for each subsequent unit purchased.

Next Meeting and Fact Sheet

The Dovedale Water Supply Committee has agreed that the next committee meeting will be open to any people that have questions about the scheme financial data, preferably supplied prior to the meeting so we can be prepared. In preparation for the meeting, we will prepare a summary of information or 'Fact Sheet' and send it to all scheme users. If you have any further questions that were not answered by the fact sheet, please send them to the committee chair prior to the next meeting. The committee meeting will held in mid-May (date to be confirmed).

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Long Term Plan Projects

The table below summarises the capital works programme and budget forecast over the 10-year period (until 2027/28):

Project	Total \$	Timeframe
Pipe Renewals	\$1.2M	10 years
Treatment Renewals	\$95,000	2019-21
Telemetry Renewal	\$140,000	\$45,000 every 3 years
New bore source, 3km pipe extension & treatment plant	\$3.6M	2022-25
Reticulation Renewals (meters, pumps, valves, VSDs)	\$250,000	\$25,000 per year
Monitoring Equipment	\$20,000	\$2019/20
Break Pressure Tank & Reservoir Renewal	\$50,000	\$10,000 every 2 years
Pipe Re-location	\$55,000	\$5,500 per year

Restrictions

A cease take direction has been issued to Dovedale scheme users effective from 25 February 2019. This means water can only be used for essential human and stock drinking needs. Water cannot be used for irrigation or other outdoor purposes such as watering lawns and gardens. Please also use water sparingly in the house.

Recent Rainfall

Tasman District Council monitors rainfall using automatic recording sites across the district. There are two sites in the Dovedale and Upper Moutere area. Over the weekend, the Moutere Kellings Road site recorded 13mm of rain and Motueka at Woodstock recorded 16.5mm of rain. At best, this will be minor relief and we anticipate that rivers will very shortly be back to where they were before yesterday's rain. This information can be accessed via the Tasman District Council website: <https://www.tasman.govt.nz/my-region/environment/environmental-data/rainfall/>

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Yours sincerely



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