

# **Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant**

**Quarterly Monitoring Report** 

February 2017 - April 2017

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## **Summary**

This report summarises the results of parameters monitored by the Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant (CWTP) over the period February - April 2017 in accordance with consent CRC051724. Consent CRC051724 allows the discharge of treated wastewater from the CWTP Oxidation Ponds into the Pegasus Bay Coastal Marine Area via an ocean outfall.

Of the comprehensive sampling programme required by the consent, all samples were collected during the monitoring period and all monitored parameters achieved the required standards.

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## 1 Outfall Discharge

#### 1.1 Resource Consent Conditions

Consent CRC051724 allows CWTP to discharge up to 518,000 cubic metres per day of treated wastewater from the CWTP Oxidation Ponds at a maximum rate of six cubic metres per second into the Pegasus Bay coastal marine area. Compliance conditions regarding the physical discharge to the estuary are summarised in Table 1.1.1. Daily records of maximum outfall discharge flow rates and volumes are attached as an appendix to this report, and shown in summary in Figures 1.2.1 and 1.2.2.

Table 1.1.1 Pond Discharge Consent Compliance for Monitoring Period CRC051724

| Concent              |                                   |  | Compliance |        |        |         |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Consent<br>Condition | Parameter                         | Compliance Condition                             | Feb 17     | Mar 17 | Apr 17 | Overall |
| 2                    | Discharge<br>Content              | Discharge is only wastewater from the CWTP ponds | J          | J      | J      | J       |
| 3                    | Discharge<br>Volume               | Recorded   | J          | J      | J      | J       |
| 4                    | Discharge Rate                    | Recorded   | J          | J      | J      | J       |
| 9                    | Outfall<br>Maintenance            | Routine maintenance completed and recorded       | J          | J      | J      | J       |
| 10                   | Outfall<br>Condition              | Visual inspection of outfall                     | n/a        | n/a    | n/a    | n/a     |
| 12                   | Pumping Pressure for a given flow | Monitored  | J          | J      | J      | J       |

Key: J Full Compliance

K Minor, Isolated or Risk of Non-Compliance

L Major or Consistent Non-Compliance

#### 1.2 Comments on Compliance

Flowrate and pressure data were recorded as per consent requirements. All results are within the consent limits.

#### **CWTP Ocean Outfall Daily Flow Totals**

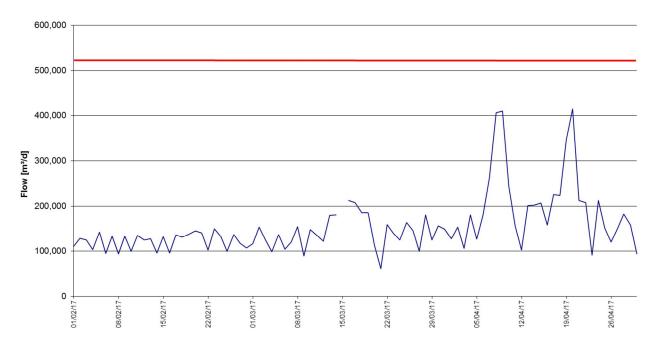


Figure 1.2.1 - Daily Outfall Flow Totals

#### CWTP Ocean Outfall Peak Discharge Flow Rate (m3/s)

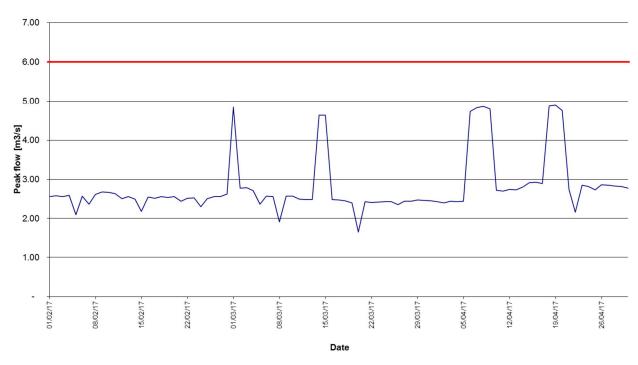


Figure 1.2.2 - Daily Peak Outfall Flows

#### 1.3 Resource Consent Standard Conditions

Conditions 15 and 16 of consent CRC051724 set out concentration standards for a selection of parameters monitored in compliance with condition 13. No more than 16 samples in each rolling 26 week period should exceed the standard value for contaminants listed under condition 15a, and if more than seven from eight consecutive samples should exceed the standard value ECan must be notified within 48 hours. No more than six from eight consecutive samples should exceed the standard value for contaminants listed under condition 16a, and no more than two from eight consecutive samples should exceed the higher value. If more than seven from eight exceed the standard value, or three from eight exceed the higher value, ECan must be notified within 48 hours. Compliance conditions regarding adherence to these standard values are summarised in Table 1.3.1. Analysis results are supplied to Environment Canterbury at quarterly intervals. Contaminant monitoring results for consent CRC051724 are discussed further in Sections 1.4 – 1.9.

Table 1.3.1 Contaminant Limits Consent Compliance February 2017 - April 2017 CRC051724

| Consent   | Parameter                  | Compliance Condition  |        | Comp   | ompliance |         |  |
|-----------|----------------------------|---|--------|--------|-----------|---------|--|
| Condition | raiailletei                | Compliance Condition  | Feb 17 | Mar 17 | Apr 17    | Overall |  |
|           | Dissolved BOD <sub>5</sub> | Concentration does not exceed 20 g/m³                                 | J      | J      | J         | J       |  |
| 15a       | Total Suspended Solids     | Concentration does not exceed 50 g/m <sup>3</sup>                     | J      | J      | J         | J       |  |
|           | Ammoniacal<br>Nitrogen     | Concentration does not exceed 40 g/m <sup>3</sup>                     | J      | J      | J         | J       |  |
| 16a       | Faecal Coliforms           | Concentration does not exceed 1,000(standard)/5,000(higher) MPN/100mL | J      | J      | J         | J       |  |
| 10a       | Enterococci                | Concentration does not exceed 1,500 MPN/100mL                         | J      | J      | J         | J       |  |

ey: J Compliance Achieved with no Exceedance of Standard K Compliance Achieved with Occasional Exceedance of Standard L Exceedance of Standard resulting in Non-Compliance

#### 1.4 Comments on Compliance

All samples were collected and analysed. There were no exceedances of standards during this monitoring quarter.

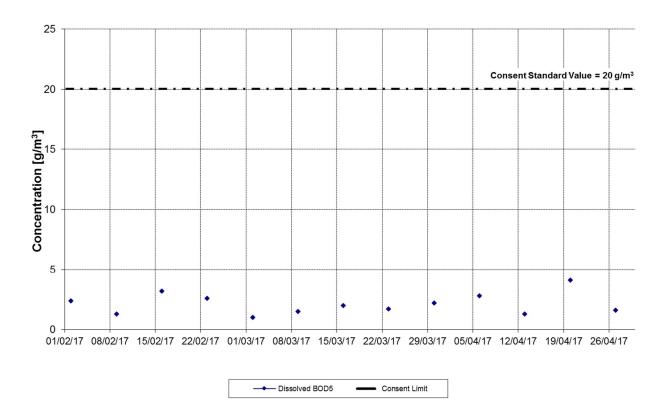
#### 1.5 Dissolved BOD<sub>5</sub> Compliance

The median dissolved BOD<sub>5</sub> concentration for the reporting period was 2.00g/m<sup>3</sup>. This is lower than the median concentrations in the previous quarter and higher than the same quarter last year. There were no exceedances of the standard value (20.0 g/m<sup>3</sup>) in the current monitoring quarter.

Table 1.5.1 Pond Discharge Dissolved BOD<sub>5</sub>

| Median Value [g/m³]<br>Current Monitoring Quarter<br>(February 2017 - April 2017)         | 2    | Number of Exceedances<br>Current Monitoring Quarter<br>(February 2017 - April 2017)                  | 0 |
|---|------|--|---|
| Median Value [g/m³] Previous Monitoring Quarter (November 2016 - January 2017)            | 2.15 | Number of Exceedances<br>Previous Monitoring Quarter<br>(November 2016 - January 2017)               | 0 |
| Median Value [g/m³] Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (February 2016 - April 2016) | 1.7  | Number of Exceedances<br>Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous<br>Year<br>(February 2016 - April 2016) | 0 |

1.5.2 Pond Discharge Dissolved BOD<sub>5</sub>



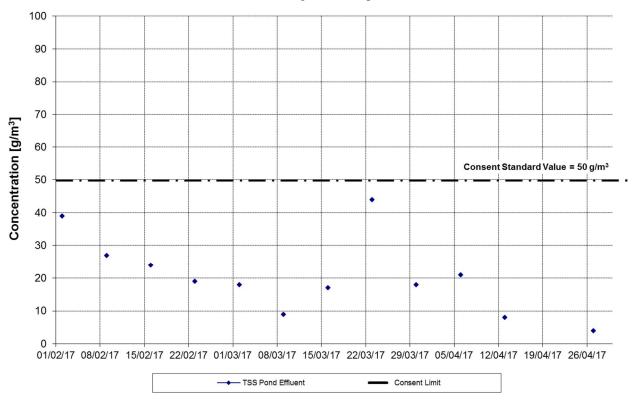
#### 1.6 Total Suspended Solids Compliance

The median total suspended solids concentration for the monitoring period was  $18.5 \text{ g/m}^3$ . This is less than the previous quarter and less than the same quarter last year. There were no exceedances of the standard value ( $50 \text{ g/m}^3$ ) this quarter.

Table 1.6.1 Pond Discharge Total Suspended Solids

| Median Value [g/m³]<br>Current Monitoring Quarter<br>(February 2017 - April 2017)         | 18.5 | Number of Exceedances<br>Current Monitoring Quarter<br>(February 2017 - April 2017)                  | 0 |
|---|------|--|---|
| Median Value [g/m³] Previous Monitoring Quarter (November 2016 - January 2017)            | 22   | Number of Exceedances<br>Previous Monitoring Quarter<br>(November 2016 - January 2017)               | 3 |
| Median Value [g/m³] Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (February 2016 - April 2016) | 28   | Number of Exceedances<br>Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous<br>Year<br>(February 2016 - April 2016) | 0 |

1.6.2 Pond Discharge Total Suspended Solids



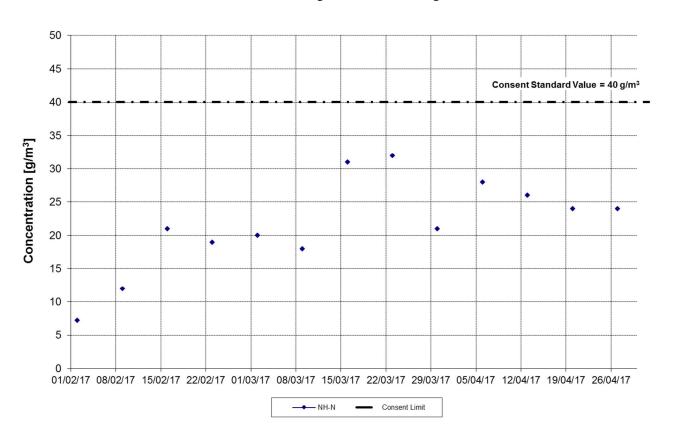
#### 1.7 Ammonia Nitrogen Compliance

The median total ammonia nitrogen concentration for the monitoring period was  $21 \text{ g/m}^3$ . This was less than the previous quarter and similar to the same quarter last year. There were no exceedances of the  $40 \text{ g/m}^3$  limit.

Table 1.7.1 Pond Discharge Ammoniacal Nitrogen

| Median Value [g/m³]<br>Current Monitoring Quarter<br>(February 2017 - April 2017)         | 21   | Number of Exceedances<br>Current Monitoring Quarter<br>(February 2017 - April 2017)                  | 0 |
|---|------|--|---|
| Median Value [g/m³] Previous Monitoring Quarter (November 2016 - January 2017)            | 27.5 | Number of Exceedances<br>Previous Monitoring Quarter<br>(November 2016 - January 2017)               | 0 |
| Median Value [g/m³] Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (February 2016 - April 2016) | 23.5 | Number of Exceedances<br>Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous<br>Year<br>(February 2016 - April 2016) | 0 |

1.7.1 Pond Discharge Ammoniacal Nitrogen

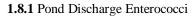


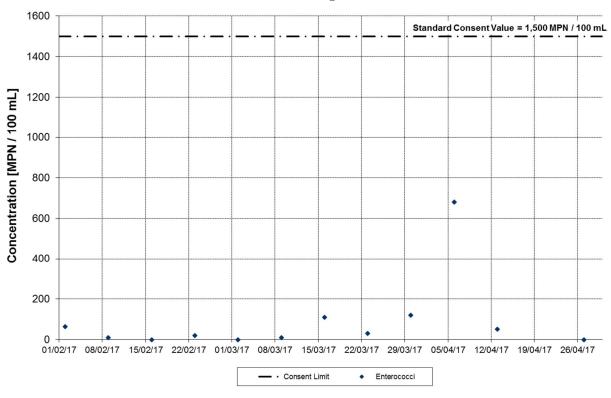
#### 1.8 Enterococci Monitoring

The median enterococci concentration during the reporting period was 25 MPN/100mL. This was higher than previous quarter and lower than the same quarter last year. There were no exceedances of the 1,500 MPN/100ml limit during the reporting quarter.

Table 1.8.1 Pond Discharge Enterococci

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|--|----|--|---|
| Median Value [MPN/100mL]<br>Current Monitoring Quarter<br>(February 2017 - April 2017)         | 25 | Number of Exceedances<br>Current Monitoring Quarter<br>(February 2017 - April 2017)                  | 0 |
| Median Value [MPN/100mL]<br>Previous Monitoring Quarter<br>(November 2016 - January 2017)      | 20 | Number of Exceedances<br>Previous Monitoring Quarter<br>(November 2016 - January 2017)               | 0 |
| Median Value [MPN/100mL] Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (February 2016 - April 2016) | 73 | Number of Exceedances<br>Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous<br>Year<br>(February 2016 - April 2016) | 1 |





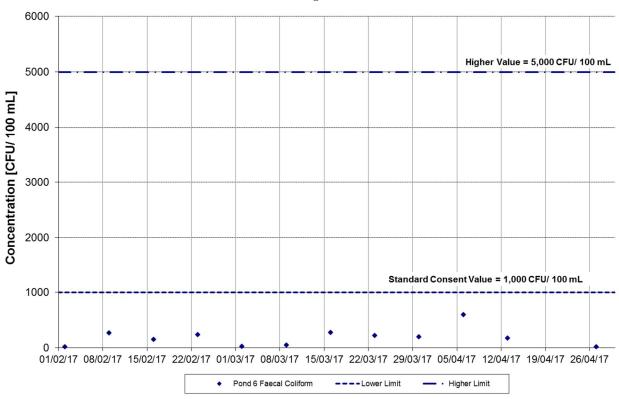
#### 1.9 Faecal Coliform Compliance

The median concentration for the reporting period was 200 CFU/100 mL, which is higher than the median for the previous quarter, and higher than the same quarter last year. There were no exceedances of the standard and upper faecal coliform limit.

**Table 1.9.1 Pond Discharge Faecal Coliforms** 

| Median Value [CFU/100 mL]<br>Current Monitoring Quarter<br>(February 2017 - April 2017)         | 200 | Number of Exceedances<br>Current Monitoring Quarter<br>(February 2017 - April 2017)                  | 0 |
|---|-----|--|---|
| Median Value [CFU/100 mL] Previous Monitoring Quarter (November 2016 - January 2017)            | 85  | Number of Exceedances<br>Previous Monitoring Quarter<br>(November 2016 - January 2017)               | 1 |
| Median Value [CFU/100 mL] Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous Year (February 2016 - April 2016) | 75  | Number of Exceedances<br>Same Monitoring Quarter of Previous<br>Year<br>(February 2016 - April 2016) | 1 |

1.9.1 Pond Discharge Faecal Coliforms



## 2 Receiving Environment Monitoring in Pegasus Bay

#### 2.1 Water Quality Resource Consent Conditions

All samples were collected and analysed as required by consent condition 18. Samples for condition 18 are collected from South New Brighton Beach at Jellicoe Street, Sumner Beach at the surf club, and New Brighton at the Surf Club. Sampling for condition 22a is undertaken on 17/2/2017 and is next due in February 2019.

**Table 2.1.1 Receiving Environment Water Quality Consent Compliance** 

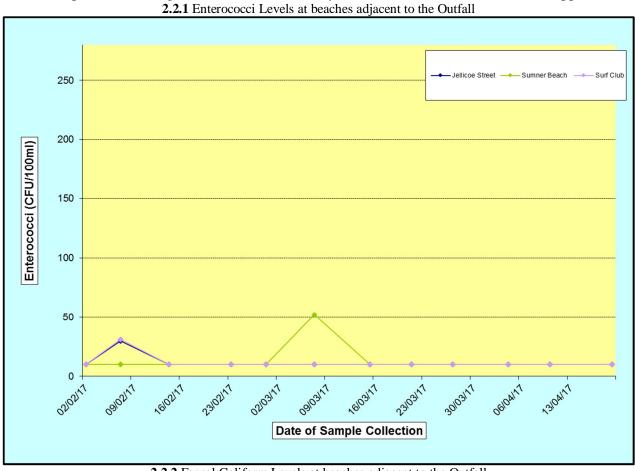
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|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Consent<br>Condition | Parameter                        | Compliance Condition          | Feb 17 – Apr 17 |
| 18                   | Faecal Coliforms                 | Sampled and Analysed          | J               |
|                      | Enterococci                      | Sampled and Analysed          | J               |
| 22a                  | Temperature                      | 2 yearly                      | J               |
|                      | DO                               | 2 yearly                      | J               |
|                      | Salinity                         | 2 yearly                      | J               |
|                      | Total Suspended Solids           | 2 yearly                      | J               |
|                      | Nitrogen Oxides                  | 2 yearly                      | J               |
|                      | Ammoniacal Nitrogen              | 2 yearly                      | J               |
|                      | Dissolved Reactive<br>Phosphorus | 2 yearly                      | J               |
|                      | Chlorophyll-a                    | 2 yearly                      | J               |
|                      | Trace Metals                     | 2 yearly                      |                 |
|                      | Faecal Coliforms                 | 2 yearly                      | J               |
|                      | Enterococci                      | 2 yearly                      | J               |
|                      | Phytoplankton Species            | 2 yearly                      | J               |

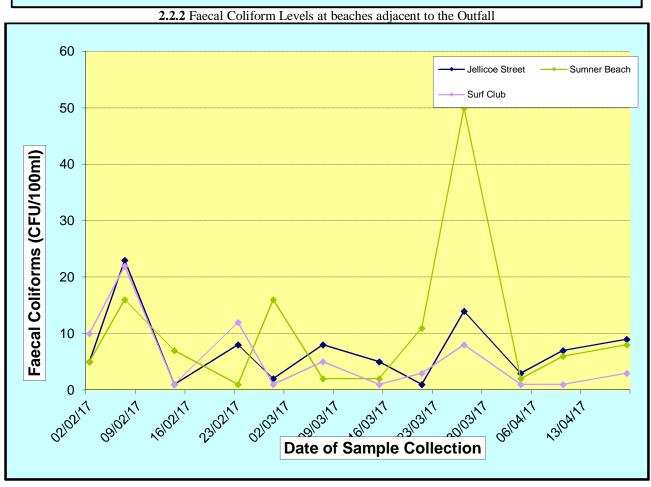
Key: J Full Compliance K Minor, Isolated or Risk of Non-Compliance L Major or Consistent Non-Compliance

#### 2.2 Comments on Compliance

All results for the Pegasus Bay area were within consent for the recording period.

Samples for condition 18 were taken at weekly intervals from the prescribed onshore locations. Results are presented in Figures 2.3.1 and 2.3.2. Any retest results are contained in the appendices.





#### 2.3 Other Receiving Environment Analysis

Consent conditions 23, 25, 26 and 27 call for monitoring of the marine environment around the outfall at various frequencies, some of which fall in the monitoring period. These requirements are summarised in Table 2.4.1, and the results are attached as an appendix to this report. Sampling for Conditions 23 - 26 are due 2017, while condition 36 was completed in December.

Table 2.3.1 Receiving Environment Monitoring Consent Compliance

| Consent              |                                      |                              |   | Compliance      |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Consent<br>Condition | Parameter Frequency Compliance Condi |                              | Compliance Condition                    | Feb 17 – Apr 17 |
| 23                   | Marine Sediments                     | 5-yearly                     | Not monitored this quarter              | _               |
| 25                   | Benthic<br>Invertebrates             | 5-yearly                     | Not monitored this quarter              | _               |
| 26                   | Epibenthic Fauna                     | 5-yearly                     | Not monitored this quarter              | _               |
| 27                   | Shellfish                            | Quarterly                    | Sampled and analysed                    | J               |
| 29                   | Complaints                           | As required                  | Recorded and reported                   | J               |
| 31                   | Report                               | Quarterly<br>and<br>Annually | Report and information lodged with ECan | J               |
| 36                   | Community Liaison<br>Group           | Annually                     | Held                                    | J               |

Key: J Full Compliance K Minor, Isolated or Risk of Non-Compliance L Major or Consistent Non-Compliance

#### 2.4 Comments on Compliance

No complaints regarding the ocean outfall have been received this quarter. This report and supporting documentation will be submitted to Environment Canterbury.