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Irrigation of Akaroa wastewater to Bays still being considered

Irrigation of parts of Robinsons Bay and Takamatua Valley with treated wastewater from Akaroa is still proposed in the latest plans by Christchurch City Council.

In her report to the March 14 meeting of the Council its chief executive Karleen Edwards said that an inner harbour re-use option had been developed for the Akaroa wastewater scheme.

"This involves a combination of reducing wastewater flows (through reducing stormwater and groundwater getting into our wastewater network and reducing demand), non-potable re-use within Akaroa, irrigation to land in Robinsons Bay and Takamatua Valley, and a wetland for additional treatment and storage."

She said that the Council expects public consultation on this, and other options (irrigation to land in the Eastern Bays and a Harbour outfall) to start in April, with a hearings panel in June and July.

Also in April, she said, there would be public consultation about a proposal to irrigate treated wastewater from the Duvauchelle scheme to the Akaroa Golf Course.

This, she said, is the only practical land-based alternative to the existing harbour outfall.

Through the Council's media department Kylie Hills, Senior Project Manager for Akaroa wastewater said that the Council is working towards consultation for both the Akaroa and Duvauchelle projects in the next few months, with Akaroa likely to be held in April/May and Duvauchelle in May/June.

"Staff are still preparing the consultation material and supporting documentation."

She said that the Council has proposed a new timeline for the project to the Environment Court.

This is to allow time to investigate the options, prepare for consultation and then for the consultation process, followed by the hearing, and for the Council to make its decision.