

# Time to get out of this poo

Oh poo! On Monday, I received the third email alert over a two-month period on sewage spills into our harbour quoting "Intense rain caused storm water diluted sewage to spill into the Hotea River from the Hotea Pump Station from Sunday afternoon until midnight last night and from manholes at Takahē St, Kirikpaka Rd, Kāhaka Rd."

Quoted also "four new pumps installed at the Okara Pumping Station prevented an overflow from Okara into the harbour."

During the submissions for WDC resource consent application on sewage discharge approval to Lameburners creek held on June 13-17, there was mention land had been purchased for possible storage in Kioreroā Rd.

In my opinion, it still appears the issue is getting the proverbial brown stuff from the pan to the treatment plant. Hello, it's obvious to the unqualified, the issue is in the whole network with infiltration and inflows as these problems are occurring where it rains.

Think of the many who are living on or close to the water or wish to gather seafood or pursue recreation. We must put a plan into action and budget accordingly to stop this total disaster regard of our precious harbour.

(Abridged)

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SPILLS: We must take measures now to stop sewage spills. PICTURE / MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM

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