



# **Pressure Sewer National Guidelines WaterNZ 18 September 2019**

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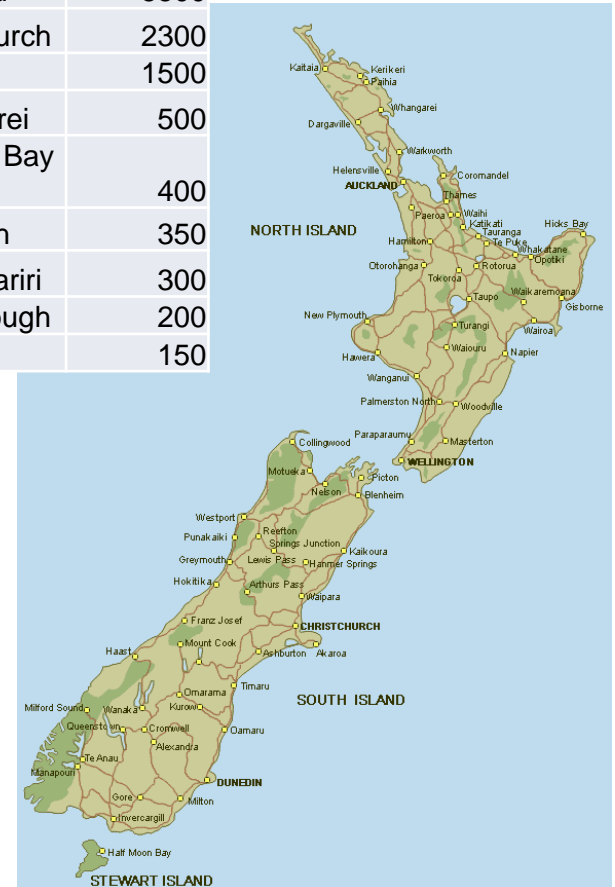
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## For or against?

Some for and some against, but already more than 12,000 household units installed and operating in NZ and more anticipated -

## So Need A Plan

Area	Number of Units
Auckland	5500
Christchurch	2300
Rotorua	1500
Whangarei	500
Western Bay of Plenty	400
Far North	350
Waimakariri	300
Marlborough	200
Waikato	150



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- a) Ownership Model and Policy
  - a) Private Ownership
  - b) Public Ownership
- b) Design Approach
- c) Technical Issues
- d) Operation & Maintenance

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## Key Issue #1 – Dynamic Hydraulic Modelling

*Full understanding of what is happening and to correctly design the network regarding:*

- Minimum Velocities (to achieve self-cleansing)
- Maximum Pump Pressures (for optimal operation)
- Retention times (wastewater age < 4 hours)
- Air movement (air-valve requirement, location and size assessment)
- Tool for assessing Operational and Maintenance Requirements

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## Key Issue #1 – Dynamic Hydraulic Modelling

*Assessing the designed network's response under a range of conditions for:*

- Normal Dry and Wet Weather Flow
- Higher than Expected Inflows (Increase by 30%)
- Lower than Expected Inflows (Decreased by 30%)  
*E.g. due to holiday periods, changes in water usage*
- Restart after Power Outage or Maintenance Shutdown
- Effects on Existing Downstream Infrastructure

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## Key Issue #2 – Pressure Sewers Pump Uphill

*All pipes within the system remain full when no pump is pumping*

- Reduces issues with odour & maintenance requirements.
- Minimizes hydraulic issues with introduction of air into the network.
- Better system reliability and pump operation.
- Less design and operational complexity.

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## Key Issue #3 – Consider interim buildout

*Due to long build-out times, need to consider how the system works before ultimate build-out achieved.*

Low buildout affects:

- Self-cleansing velocities
- Retention times (odour and corrosion)





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## Key Issue #4 –Data Collection

*Minimum requirement for pressure sewer networks.*

- Flow meter required at the network outlet
- Pressure sensor at low point within the system

Allows the network owner/operator to:

- Assess the influence of I/I (if any), compare actual flows vs design flows - lower flows may identify potential areas in the network with higher septicity risk
- Sedimentation/bio-film formation can be assessed by comparing pressure data to the design model

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## Key Issue #4 –Data Evaluation

*Control Panel to allow upgrade (real time clock, programmable, data storage, IoT connection etc.)*

The Control Panel also allows for:

- Programming  
(Flush flows to achieve self-cleansing and reduce septicity risk)
- Identification of issues  
(Abnormal pump operation, pump unit excessive use of emergency storage volume)

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**Any Questions?**





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