

**Christchurch West Melton Water Management
Zone Committee
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS**

Date: Thursday 28 April 2022
Time: 6pm
Venue: Via audio/visual link

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Hon Kiritapu Allan

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Tēnā kōrua Mayor Dalziel rāua ko Jenny Hughey

Thank you for your letter of 9 February 2022 regarding the management of urban contaminants in waterways. I also acknowledge your earlier correspondence addressed to my ministerial colleagues, Hon David Parker, Hon Poto Williams and Hon Michael Wood, which was referred to me in my capacity as Associate Minister for the Environment.

I understand your concern is about urban contaminants, and the limited ability to which local authorities have control over the discharge of these contaminants, particularly from vehicles and building materials, into urban water networks. I further acknowledge the extensive work your councils are undertaking to improve the health of our waterways.

The Ministry for the Environment continues to explore options to understand and address urban contaminant sources. This includes work in areas such as carbon neutral buildings, contamination of freshwater during construction, and leaching from building waste, as well as measures to reduce contamination from building materials.

I appreciate your specific concern around zinc and copper contaminants, acknowledging the endorsement of your remit on copper in brake pads at the 2018 Local Government New Zealand annual general meeting. My officials advise that further data and analysis is required to understand the scale and significance of copper and zinc contamination in New Zealand, and the Ministry for the Environment is working with other agencies to progress this work.

A research project, led by Waka Kotahi, is currently underway to determine the health risks and ecological impacts from various sources, including vehicular brakes, tyres and roading. The report on Stage 1 of this project is available here: <https://nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/research/reports/683/683-determining-the-ecological-and-air-quality-impacts-of-particulate-matter-from-brake-and-tyre-wear-and-road-surface-dust.pdf>. Once this work is completed, officials will be better placed to investigate policy options in this area.

Thank you for your invitation to meet to discuss these matters. I have asked my officials to continue to engage with your organisations as work progresses in these areas.

Nāku noa, nā



Hon Kiri Allan
Associate Minister for the Environment

CC: Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment
Hon Poto Williams, Minister for Building and Construction
Hon Michael Wood, Minister of Transport