



Greater East Tamaki
Business Association Inc.

Submission on proposal to amend the ARC Trade Waste Bylaw 1991

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Proposed Bylaw Amendment 2010
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The Greater East Tamaki Business Association Inc. (GETBA) supports the proposal to amend the ARC Trade Waste Bylaw 1991.

The proposed amendments appear to deal fairly with the current disparities between jurisdictions in the charging for trade waste via the pipelines previously administered by local area networks.

Amendment One:

Average Volume: this amendment appears to give users some assurance of predictability in the billing cycle as opposed to serious seasonal peaks and troughs.

Amendment Two:

Enabling credit for Auckland Council and United Water wastewater charges after integration: this appears to remove the potential unfairness of paying twice for the same service.

Amendment Three:

Avoiding swings in trade waste charges: this appears to stage in the increases for those clients in areas where previous charges were not based on volume. An increase of no more than 33% in any year allows such clients to budget over three years for the changes.

Amendment Four:

Deletion of the domestic wastewater credit: this appears clear and justified.

In summary, GETBA appreciates the consultation offered by Watercare Services on these proposed legislative changes. Our members are always vigilant and concerned to see that charges for services are based on fair and reasonable costs of providing the services and that cross-subsidisation does not occur between categories of users.

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