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Sent: Monday, 8 September 2025 1:50 pm
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Cc: Wendy Thompson; Tracey Evans; Chelsea Kenny
Subject: RE: Pukepuke Lagoon

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Kia ora Robert

Yip, cool, sounds like a plan.

I go on leave on Friday and back Wednesday 24th. I'll only have time on Thursday morning if we hui before I leave...

Ngā mihi

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Kia ora Frances

We are keen to start progressing work on the Pukepuke Lagoon Drainage Scheme Management Plan.

As you can see from the attached images (27 Aug 25) water is now flowing over the fish passage and the lagoon is full. Notwithstanding this, it has been particularly dry this year and therefore water levels are expected to recede quickly.

I will ring tomorrow to organise a time to come in and discuss the Drainage Management Plan.

Ngā mihi

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Kia ora Robert

Yip, that's great, thanks – we will be making it clear that management of the concession and any work within the broader landscape will be kept separate.

It's not the way iwi like to work, but I agree it's necessary in this situation.

Very happy that nothing will happen until the new FY, and I'm happy to help get iwi to the table if you can give us a few day/time options and lots of notice.

That sound okay?

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Kia ora Frances

Council is happy to have a workshop with iwi to discuss the concession management plan. This plan is to help address the concession and is not intended to look at the wider management of the Lagoon. As a result, the scope of the management plan has some clear boundaries.

I will discuss with the wider team in relation to timing but due to budgets it will need to be in the new financial.

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From: Frances Walsh <fwalsh@doc.govt.nz>

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Kia ora Robert

Cool, thanks for that.

I'll check with our bio team about the approved list of sprays and whether there's a pest plant management plan for Pukepuke.

I just want to reiterate that drafting the management plan is a really good opportunity to do this **with** iwi – not a consultation or review once it's done, but co-designing the plan itself, otherwise it's always going to be 'your' plan, not 'our' plan.
Is there an appetite in the council for this?

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Subject: RE: Pukepuke Lagoon

Kia ora koutou katoa Frances and Sara

We are continuing to work on the Management Plan

The ecological assessment recommended that some spraying might be appropriate, depending on the management of the wider site. As the wider management is not currently known, Council have decided to put a section in the Management Plan that looks at the potential of utilising sprays to reduce the need for mechanical clearance. This would focus on only spraying when the drains are dry to protect aquatic life and would only relate to the concession area. Due to the apparent reluctance to use sprays, a discussion with iwi will need to occur prior to utilising this method of control. Notwithstanding the following information would be beneficial for the Management Plan:

- Approved list of sprays
- Pukepuke Lagoon pest plant management plan

In terms of increasing communication between Iwi, Doc, Council and the drainage boards we are suggesting that we have an annual meeting with all parties to discuss the drainage scheme. During our joint site visit all parties appeared to be open to this.

I have attached a map of the Oroua Downs Drainage Scheme for your information. Approximately 27% of the scheme drains into Pukepuke Lagoon with 65% draining through Lake Kaikopu and 8% bypassing both water bodies.

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Kia ora Robert

Just realised I hadn't responded to this email – I'm so sorry for the radio silence!!

Anyway, thanks for the photos, it certainly does look like they've done a good job, well done – and appreciate the work on the fish pass as well.

I think in terms of taking the concession work forward, this is where we're at:

- You're developing a management plan

- The management plan will also include that little area that needs spraying as there will need to be DOC and cultural approval given for that
- How will iwi be invited to be involved – is there an opportunity to co-design and co-deliver the management plan?

I'll be sending out an update (with the pics) on Monday so expect there might now be some prompting from iwi about next steps. It'll be challenging to keep the concession work separate from the wider lagoon landscape work, but that'll be for us (DOC) to manage and we'll work through that as needed.

Have a great weekend 😊

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Kia ora Frances

Just providing an update

Sorry, we are still working on the application for the drone. Unfortunately we have been swamped with a multiple projects.

We completed a site visit on 29 April 2025 to check the work. In summary they have done a good job. There are a couple of sections where material had to be placed adjacent to the drain as we instructed them not to place material on the alternative location due to native vegetation. Where this has happened they have been careful to flatten the material, so it is unlikely to fall back into the drain. There is no material on the access tracks and the rocks on the fish passage have been re-positioned. There was no water flowing in or out of the lagoon at the time of the site visit and the water level perimeter drain was still well below the top of the fish passage.

As the inlet and outlet drains have been cleared, if you want to join me on a joint site visit please let me know. I have not scheduled the next site visit but will likely try and get out there at the end of May to try and avoid the peak duck shooting season.

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