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IN THE NEWS...

WINTER WORKS 2020

Waikato Regional Council has endeavoured to allow all sites to remain active due to the eight weeks of inactivity during the COVID-19 lockdown period and has been approving works on a month-by-month basis.

The Waikato has been fortunate to have had lovely weather for the beginning of winter. However, as the wet end of the season approaches it is paramount that all erosion and sediment controls are well maintained to prevent discharges. We recommend that large areas of bulk earthworks and/or inadequately stabilised areas should be restricted and staged to reduce the overall risk, and entrance ways must be well maintained. Please ensure that you apply for winter works at least 10 days before the start of a month to give us enough time to process your winter works approvals and prevent unnecessary delays.

On a positive note, to date no enforcement has been undertaken on any consented civil sites. Keep up the good work and maybe we can make it through this winter unscathed!



Figure 1: Sediment discharge due to inadequate stabilisation of site entranceway.

WORKSHOPS CANCELLED

Due to the ongoing uncertainty as a result of COVID-19, we have regrettably had to make the decision to cancel this year's workshops. As in previous years, we had intended using the Jet Park Hotel at Hamilton Airport, but this is being used as a managed isolation facility. With the short notice and myriad unknowns we will not be looking for another venue. Please keep an eye on our website because we will be running the workshops next year as we understand how valuable they are to the industry. We will also be making a few changes to the 2021 workshops, so watch this space!

If you have any queries regarding the winter works application process or the appropriate information to include, please discuss this with your Waikato Regional Council monitoring contractor in the first instance, or email Connie Daws: Connie.daws@waikatoregion.govt.nz.



Figure 2: Sediment retention pond with 100mm clarity.

