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**Moratorium Lifted for Development
Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills**

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Council has paved the way for further development in the Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills area by reviewing the sewerage moratorium adopted in 2000.

At Monday nights meeting the Council agreed to amend the existing moratorium and allow an additional 200 dwellings to be connected to the sewerage scheme.

According to Jeff Sharp, Hastings Council Sewerage Manager, the review of the moratorium is in line with future planning for the area.

“There is a lot of interest in further development in the Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills area but we have been very cautious about not overextending the existing sewerage infrastructure. A full extension to the plant is moving ahead but in the short term we have been able to achieve an improved performance from the system and have confidently advised Council that it can service the additional 200 dwellings, “ said Mr Sharp.

Council have recommended that the next step in creating development opportunities is for the Director of Development and Environment, Michael Coulter to prepare a detailed report as to how the approvals for additional dwellings will be equitably distributed in the community. This may include a combination of medium density housing, additional dwellings on a single lot such as villas or subdivisions.

A Review of Environmental Factors report is being prepared for the proposed extension to the Lake Cathie Bonny Hills Sewerage Treatment Plant and Council also resolved that this report will go on public exhibition for a period of four weeks.

“These decisions indicate Council’s willingness to find a middle ground in facilitating the current development demands in the Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills area while ensuring that significant attention is being given to expanding the infrastructure to cope with the population that could result from developments such as Area 14,” said Hastings Mayor Cr Rob Drew.

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