



STOP THE STINK

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Introduction

- Purpose – to outline community opposition to the SWWTP proposal
- Who we are – Stop the Stink – a grassroots community group
- Why this matters – Environmental, cultural and public health risks



Community Mobilisation

- Initial Meeting – 9th August 2025 at Rukuhia School Hall
- Attendance – 80+ residents, mana whenua, councillors
- Key outcome – Unanimous opposition to SWWTP location





Decisions & Actions

- Formed working group and legal team
- Established community fund
- Engaged with councilors and mana whenua
- Committed to transparency and advocacy



Site Overview



- Proposed site – Currently in Waipa District Council
- Jurisdiction shift to Hamilton City Council
- Designation change required
- None to minimal consultation with affected residents



Beca Report Findings

- Discharge to Nukuhau Stream → Waikato River
- Site-selection criteria raise serious concerns
- Lack of robust environmental safeguards



Environmental & Health Risks – Nukuhau Stream



- Odour pollution
- Heavy traffic and chemical transport
- Risk of untreated discharges
- Groundwater contamination (bore water users)
- Exposure to faecal microbes and viruses
- Contamination of mahinga kai e.g., tuna - eel
- Ecotoxic effects from Titanium Park industry
- Sewage fungus and algal slime

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Environmental & Health Risks – Waikato River



- Discharge upstream from Hamilton's drinking water intake
- PFAS, pharmaceuticals, illicit drugs e.g., methamphetamine, cocaine
- Increased faecal micro-organisms in recreational zones
- Nutrient loading → algal blooms and macrophyte growth



Cultural & Community Impact

- Threat to mana whenua heritage and mahinga kai e.g., tuna, eel
- Lack of meaningful consultation
- Undermines community trust and wellbeing



Our Position

- The proposed location is unacceptable
- Site-selection process is flawed
- We demand transparency, consultation, and relocation
- This is not **“Local Water Done Well.”**





Next Steps



- Continue legal and technical review
- Prepare formal submission to IAWAI
- Request opportunity to present findings
- Mobilise broader community support



Closing & Contact

- Thank you for your time & consideration
- We stand for clean water, community voice, and cultural respect
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Let's work together to get

“Local Water Done Well.”