

The Office of the Auditor General (OAG) presented to the Local Government and Environment Select Committee regarding its inquiry into the Mangawhai community wastewater treatment scheme on 26 September 2013.

In its presentation the OAG indicated that its report on the Mangawhai wastewater scheme is due to be published on 11 November 2013. The report will be between 200 and 300 pages in length, and will provide a significant amount of detail regarding the performance of the Council and its officers, as well as the performance of the OAG and its auditors and the role of the Department. While the report will comment on the performance of the various actors, and may contain recommendations for future improvement of service delivery, it will not determine the liabilities of the various parties.

At the Select Committee hearing the OAG indicated that nothing in its report should prevent the Committee from proceeding with its consideration and reporting back on the Kaipara District Council (Validation of Rates and Other Matters) Bill. The OAG also indicated that up to the time of their briefing of the Committee its inquiry had not uncovered any evidence that would lead to them referring matters related to the Mangawhai wastewater scheme to the Police, Serious Fraud Office, of the Kaipara District Council.