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Ministry of Infrastructure Cook Islands

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**NOTICE TO ALL PROPOSERS**

Kia Orana,

**RE: Request for Proposals – Sludge Management Assessment for Rarotonga and Aitutaki CW001-2015**

**Notice No. 1**

The following are clarifications to questions received and Proposers are required to acknowledge receipt of this Notice No.1 in your RFP submission.

1. **Are sampling of the septage pond discharge required for both the Rarotonga and Aitutaki sites?**  
Not necessarily, the septage pond effluent is disposed of by irrigating onto plants around the landfill. It will be up to the consultant as part of their assessment to decide whether sampling is necessary. If the consultant is unsure of this, they could include sampling and analysis as an optional/possible additional part of their scope and costs.
2. **Do you anticipate that water quality sampling is required in the receiving water stream upstream and downstream of the septage pond discharges or is this baseline data already available?**  
As above, there is no discharge to stream from the septage ponds.
3. **Is there data available on the receiving water stream flow rates?**  
As above, there are no streams nearby that the septage pond effluent discharges to.
4. **What is the sludge disposal route for Aitutaki?**  
Upon desludging of ST by the Island Council's desludging tractor/trailer, sludge is transported to the AWF for disposal into the primary pond, that eventually overflows via weir into the secondary pond and then irrigated through sand filter to irrigation lines running along the outer parameter of the property. Similar to the Rarotonga Waste Facility set up.

For further queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Kind regards

Tangi Taoro

**WATSAN Programme Administrator**

