Welcome to the Gore District Council’s information pack on the proposed designation of 14 hectares surrounding the main water source for our urban area, Cooper’s Wells, and a four metre wide strip of land from the wells to the Mataura River.

The Council has developed this pack to help people understand what is proposed and why.

A lot of work has been done in the past around water supply and quality. The Council has commissioned numerous reports and studies, many of which are referred to in documents supporting the proposed designation. These are publicly available and can be accessed on the Council’s website www.goredc.govt.nz.

Despite investigations into alternative water sources, Cooper’s Wells remains the main water source for Gore now and into the foreseeable future.

The Council is committed to working with stakeholders as it strives to meet its statutory obligations and the community’s expectations for a safe and sustainable water supply.

It is worth noting that in the latest resident satisfaction survey almost half of the people who took part wanted the Council to give its highest priority to water issues. The Council agrees with the public feedback and recognises much more is needed, despite everything done to date.

In the information pack you will find:
- The Notice of Requirement public notice
- A press release issued to the media
- Information on Cooper’s Wells
- A plan showing the land to be designated
- Information on the Council’s statutory obligations
- Frequently Asked Questions

If you have any questions or want more information please contact the Council’s District Assets General Manager Paul Withers or Consultant Planner Keith Hovell, phone 2090330.

For more information go to www.goredc.govt.nz/cooperswells