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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Greater Wellington Water - Annual Report 2008/9**

It is with pleasure that I am sending you the detailed Annual Report of activity within the water supply responsibilities of Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Greater Wellington Water is responsible for the management, operation and quality testing of the wholesale water supply system for the Wellington metropolitan region.

Water sales at 54,228 million litres in the year were the lowest for 10 years, partly caused by a relatively wet summer in 2008/9 and some downturn in economic activity. Even so, it is pleasing to note the average amount of water used by each person per day is continuing to decline on a long-term basis. We believe our continuing water conservation message is having an impact. However, the population trend continues to be upwards and resources are being directed to ensure the Council can meet the water needs of this growing population.

At the start of the financial year, the Water Supply assets were revalued and they now have a replacement cost in excess of \$550M. During the year, debt was reduced by nearly \$0.5M.

The Council's statutory reporting requirements are met through the publication of its Annual Report. This report is, in part, intended to complement that document.

I hope you find the report interesting and relevant. For your information, it is also available on the Greater Wellington website ([www.gw.govt.nz](http://www.gw.govt.nz)). Please let me know if you would prefer to receive it electronically in future. I would welcome any feedback about the report that you care to provide.

Yours faithfully

**Murray Kennedy**  
Divisional Manager  
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[Greater Wellington Regional Council's 'Water Supply Annual Report 2008/09' was also attached as is available on the Greater Wellington website [www.gw.govt.nz](http://www.gw.govt.nz).]