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**Subject:** Buller River - Culvert Pipes Information Ref: OIA 015/23  
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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 17 February 2023 for information relating to the culvert pipes in the Buller River:

- *How many culvert pipes exiting into the Buller River from the Buller bridge down to the railway's old good sheds have had flaps fitted to them in years gone by and*
- *when were the flaps last serviced or checked to see that they are fit for purpose*

The information you have requested is as below.

We have our stormwater services publicly available on Westmaps

<https://gis.westcoast.govt.nz/WestMapsViewer/?map=e0f8051c6a5e483cbe7d92bb431adb98>

Between the Buller Bridge and Chamberlain St there are six pipes that discharge stormwater directly to the Buller River.

There are others that discharge to the reserve area adjacent to the Esplanade including one 450mm pipe from Rintoul St

The last check/maintenance was 1/2/23

The Disraeli 450mm, Brougham 600mm, Brougham 900mm were in good condition

The following are difficult to access as they are within the wharf area

Henley 450mm last inspected 24/2/2023 in good condition but requiring maintenance for improved function

Cobden 450mm last inspected by drone 28/2/2023 – clear of debris condition appears good– no backflow prevention, currently working on hazardous area access plans and potential WaStop installation within road reserve close to site.

The Rintoul St 900mm is in the process of having a valve placed on it

The Roebuck 450mm is currently scheduled for a WaStop installation

Flap valves as below



are standard but are being phased out in favour of a WaStop style valve as below



The WaStop style valves have better hydraulic performance, are less prone to being blocked by debris and have better self-clearing ability

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the Buller District Council by return email to [lgoima@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:lgoima@bdc.govt.nz).

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/district-council/your-council/request-for-official-information/responses-to-lgoima-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Kind regards

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