

SmartGrowth three-level Reading Guide:

“Background – Southern Pipeline case study”

Level 1 (reading on the lines)

Instructions: Tick those statements that appear in the text. They may be worded differently but have the same meaning. Be ready to give evidence from the text.

1. The Southern Pipeline will be a large wastewater pipe located between two wastewater treatment plants in Tauranga. _____
2. Residents rely on networks of wastewater pipes and pump stations to collect and transport their wastewater. _____
3. The Chapel Street wastewater plant cannot expand as it is on a small site with no space to grow. _____
4. The Te Maunga wastewater plant is able to process flows from a bigger population. _____
5. The Council has two options for where the pipeline could be located. _____
6. The Council has asked for an independent opinion on the pipeline options before deciding to spend \$106 million. _____
7. There could be a new walkway/cycleway included in the project, which would be attached to the Matapihi Railway Bridge. _____

Level 2 (reading between the lines)

Instructions: Tick those statements that you think are true from what the text suggests. Find evidence in the text to support your answer.

1. It is essential for Tauranga’s infrastructure that Tauranga City Council invests in the Southern Pipeline. _____
2. Tauranga’s current treatment facilities will not provide enough services to maintain a healthy community in the future without the pipeline. _____
3. Treated wastewater ends up in the sea and will continue to do so in the future. _____
4. Southern areas of Tauranga have grown more populated and the pipeline is needed to cope with the amounts of wastewater produced by residents in these areas. _____
5. The coastal option will provide additional benefits for people who live in Tauranga through a new coastal walkway. _____
6. The Railway bridge upgrade option is more preferable than having a submarine pipeline sitting on the seabed. _____

Level 3 (reading beyond the lines)

Instructions: Tick those statements you agree with using what the author says and what you know. Be prepared to back up your argument with reasons.

1. Rapid growth and development in the Tauranga region has created a demand for much larger facilities to cope with wastewater levels than was anticipated 20 years ago. _____
2. It is commonly acceptable in New Zealand to dump all treated wastewater into the sea. _____
3. The Devonport Road option would simpler and less expensive to complete but the coastal option has more benefits for the community in the long term. _____