

IN THE MATTER OF

The Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

An application made to Manawatu-Wanganui
(Horizons) Regional Council (MWRC)

(Consent Authority)

BY

TARARUA DISTRICT COUNCIL

(the Applicant)

For the hearing of **APP-200511178.01** for resource consents associated with the operation of the Eketahuna Wastewater Treatment Plant, including a discharge into the Makakahi River, a discharge to air (principally odour), and a discharge to land via pond seepage, Bridge Street, Eketahuna.

MEMORANDUM 6 TO PARTICPANTS

22 May 2018

PURPOSE OF THIS MEMORANDUM

- 1 The purpose of this memorandum is to update participants about the progress with the application to discharge treated wastewater from Eketahuna Township to the Makakahi River. This hearing was adjourned on **Tuesday 23 May 2017**.

BACKGROUND

- 2 Ms Hickey circulated a memorandum from Legal Counsel for the TDC, dated **17 May 2017**, which stated that the Applicant wishes to pursue the current application to discharge via a treatment system and a wetland to the Makakahi River.
- 3 They intend that this discharge be from a new wetland to be constructed on the existing golf course. It was identified that an application for resource consent is required from HRC to construct the wetland. This will be for a controlled activity pursuant to Rule 13-2 of the One Plan. A further consent will be required for the land seepage from the wetland pursuant to discretionary activity Rule 14-30.
- 4 The Commissioners have been granted delegated authority to decide the upcoming application for both of these activities.

TIMELINE

- 5 Counsel for the Applicant proposed lodging the additional resource consent applications required for the proposed wetland by **2 February 2018** in order to allow time for engagement with iwi and stake-holders to take place and for the CVAs to be prepared.
- 6 The Panel issued a memorandum on **7 July 2017** ("Memorandum 5") directing that the further applications be lodged with Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council ("Horizons") by **2 February 2018**.
- 7 On **30 January 2018** Counsel for the Applicant advised that
"Throughout TDC's engagement with Rangitāne and Kahungunu it has become evident that a significant amount of time and work has been required to produce high-quality CVAs. TDC understands the importance of ensuring the CVAs are prepared carefully and with the appropriate people involved. That being the case, however, the CVAs will not be completed in time to meet the 2 February 2018 deadline."
- 8 For this reason, TDC sought an extension until **11 May 2018** for lodgement of the additional applications. The Panel granted this extension.

9 On **11 May 2018** the applicant sought a further extension to **1 June 2018**. To ensure any potential applications would align with matters TDC had included in their LTP process, it was suggested that a date at the end of June would allow all relevant information to be included in any potential application. Subsequently, the applicant requested that the **1 June 2018** date be modified to **29 June 2018**.

DISCUSSION

10 The Commissioners have considered the latest two memoranda from the applicant's legal counsel.

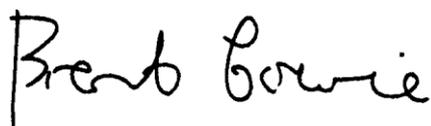
11 The Commissioner's note that the date originally agreed to provide these further applications, as set out in their minute dated 7 July 2017, was 2 February 2018. This we thought was a generous timeframe. An extension was sought until 11 May 2018 and we also granted that.

12 Similarly the extension to 29 June 2018 to lodge these applications is granted.

13 No further extensions will be granted. If the applications for the proposed wetland construction and discharge are not received by **29 June 2018**, the Commissioners will decide if the Eketahuna hearing needs to be re-convened again, and if so, what process will be followed. Participants will be advised of our decision on re-convening the hearing via a memorandum.

14 If these applications are not lodged by **29 June 2018**, the Commissioners' decision will be based entirely on the applications heard in May 2017 and the information we currently have before us.

15 Any questions about this memorandum should be directed to Carina Hickey at Horizons Regional Council via email (carina.hickey@horizons.govt.nz). She will confer with the Commissioners as necessary.



Signed by Brent Cowie (Chair)
on behalf of the Hearing Panel

22 May 2018