

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-1993001253.02** for resource consents associated with the operation of the Pahiatua Wastewater Treatment Plant, including a discharge into a constructed wetland (initially), then to the Mangatainoka River, a discharge to air (principally odour), and a discharge to land via pond seepage, Julia Street, Pahiatua.

MEMORANDUM 4 TO PARTICPANTS

Directions

5 July 2017

PURPOSE OF THIS MEMORANDUM

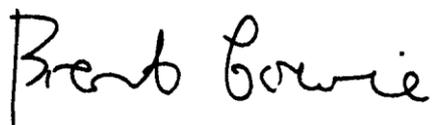
- 1 The purpose of this memorandum is to outline the Hearing Committee's expectations following the initial hearing on Tuesday 23 to Thursday 25 May 2017 of the various applications associated with discharges from the Pahiatua Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP). We adjourned the hearing on Thursday 25 May to await further information from the Applicant.
- 2 This followed from our inspections of the Eketahuna and Pahiatua WWTP's and their surrounds on Monday 22 May, and the brief re-convening of the hearing of the Eketahuna applications on Tuesday 23. The future process for the Eketahuna applications is outlined in a separate memorandum.

BACKGROUND

- 3 At the hearing we asked the applicant to provide information on four matters via their solicitors at Buddle Finlay:
 - i. On what basis does the Applicant consider that the tests of Policy 5.11 of the One Plan are met by the present applications, with the inclusion of wetland treatment?
 - ii. How the Applicant proposes to engage with Rangitane o Tamaki nui a Rua Inc. and Kahungunu ki Tamaki nui-a-rua with regard to how their cultural values may be met by the proposed inclusion of a wetland, from which treated wastewater is now proposed to be discharged to the Mangatainoka River.
 - iii. Once this has taken place, what process did the Applicant propose from that time?
 - iv. Could the Applicant please advise us of the status of the Manawatu River Leaders Accord and the Te Kauru draft river management plan?
- 4 The Applicant responded to these requests via a memorandum dated 29 May 2017, which Ms Hickey has circulated to participants. We asked for some additional information on timelines, and this was received on 12 June 2017.

DIRECTIONS

- 5 The Applicant sought two months from 6 June to discuss the design of the proposed wetland with Tangata Whenua. The panel accepts this, and asks that the Applicant report back to Ms Hickey on the consultation carried out and its outcomes **no later than 4pm on Friday 11 August 2017**. That response should include any verbal or written responses received from Rangitane o Tamaki nui a Rua Inc. and/or Kahungunu ki Tamaki nui-a-rua on the proposed wetland and the extent to which it may meet their cultural concerns.
- 6 Once this is reported back, Ms Manderson is to provide a revised set of draft conditions of consent to Ms Morton at Horizons Regional Council **no later than 4pm on Friday 18 August 2017**. In consultation with Ms Manderson, Ms Morton is to comment on those conditions, highlight what she agrees and disagrees with and why by **no later than 4pm on Friday 25 August 2017**. These conditions are then to be circulated to submitters on Monday 28 August. Submitter's comments, which are to be restricted to the proposed draft conditions, must be received by Ms Hickey **no later than 4pm on Friday 8 September 2017**.
- 7 Once all this information is received, the Commissioners will confer and decide if we have sufficient information to close the hearing, or if we consider the hearing needs to be re-convened.
- 8 Any material will be circulated as soon as possible once received and will also be uploaded onto the Council website:
<http://www.horizons.govt.nz/managing-natural-resources/consents/tararua-district-council-pahiatua-eketahuna-wastew>
- 9 Any questions about this memorandum or the directions given 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

5 July 2017

