

SUBMISSION by TE ROOPU TAI AO O NGĀTI WHAKATERE REGARDING RESOURCE CONSENT
APPLICATION FROM TARARUA DISTRICT COUNCIL
Under Section 96 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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What specific parts of the application do you support or oppose?

We oppose the Resource consent sought from Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Council comprised of the following activities:

Land Use Consent for large scale earthworks.
For large scale land disturbance

Resource Consents Sought – PAHIATUA

Location

Town Creek and Mangatainoka River, Julia Street, Pahiatua

ATH-199501433.02 Discharge Permit - Water

To authorise 3,460m³/day (peak wet weather flow) of treated wastewater from the upgraded Pahiatua Wastewater Treatment Plant initially into Town Creek and consequently into the Mangatainoka River, then to the Mangatainoka River via a 50m long infiltration gallery rock filter.

ATH-2016200747.00 Discharge Permit - Land

To authorise the discharge of treated effluent to land via seepage from the operation of the upgraded Pahiatua Wastewater Treatment Plant oxidation ponds.

ATH-2016200772.00 Discharge Permit - Air

To authorise the discharge of contaminants to air (principally odour) generated from the upgraded Pahiatua Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A term of 15 years is sought for application.

We oppose this application on the following grounds:

That there is insufficient data to justify the term requested.

That there is insufficient information on investigation of alternate disposal methods (e.g. Land based disposal by irrigation or similar)

That the application as submitted is significantly out of date.

The configuration offered differs from documented options

There has been no consultation, dialogue or cultural assessment discussions with TRTONW.

Decision requested:

That the term is reduced, and a comprehensive monitoring programme be initiated so that a clear performance record is produced, including influent and effluent flow metering,

A Cultural Impact Report should be commissioned by TDC for

Resource Consents Sought – EKETAHUNA

Location

Makakahi River, Bridge Street, Eketahuna

ATH-20130987.01 Discharge Permit - Water

To authorise 3,200m³/day (peak wet weather flow) of treated wastewater from the upgraded Eketahuna Wastewater Treatment Plant to a land based rock filter and then into the Makakahi River.

ATH-2015200247.00 Discharge Permit - Land

To authorise the discharge of treated wastewater from the operation of the upgraded Eketahuna Wastewater Treatment Plant into land via seepage from the oxidation ponds.

ATH-2013011395.01 Discharge Permit - Air

To authorise the discharge of contaminants to air (principally odour) generated from the upgraded Eketahuna Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A term of 20 years is sought for application

We oppose this application on the following grounds:

That there is insufficient data to justify the term requested.

That there is insufficient information on investigation of alternate disposal methods (e.g. Land based disposal by irrigation or similar)

That the application as submitted is significantly out of date.

There is no Cultural Values Assessment, consultation or discussions for this application with TRToNW

Decision requested:

That the term is reduced, and a comprehensive monitoring programme be initiated so that a clear performance record is produced, including influent and effluent flow metering.

A cultural impact report should be commissioned by TDC to be completed by TRToNW.

Comments:

Whilst we recognise that TDC has carried out significant repairs to the sewage network as a result of earthquake damage, the peak wet weather flows applied for are excessive. A time series of influent flow data should be obtained for a more accurate assessment of consent requirements.

At no point in these applications is there any recognition of downstream values, of TRToNW and especially at low flow when cumulative effects become more evident.

We are curious as to why the Woodville plant has not been included in this upgrade of consents, given that all three plants are being upgraded to a similar format.

Whilst there has been considerable progress with plant upgrades, there appears to have been very little effort made to gain irrigation take agreements with local farmers – accepting that this may not provide a year round solution.

We reiterate our statement that we are willing to engage in discussion with the Applicant and/or Consent Authority prior to any hearing/pre-hearing.

TE ROOPU TAI AO O NGĀTI WHAKATERE POSITION RE: CONSENT APPLICATIONS

TRToNW **OPPOSE** these resource consent applications.

TRToNW wish to be heard in respect of this submission

TRToNW wish to attend a pre-hearing meeting should one be held.

4. TRToNW the right to bring support

Name: Robert Ketu (for and on behalf of Te Roopu Taiao o Ngāti Whakaterē)

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Ketu', written over a horizontal line.

Date: Monday 9th May 2016