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To

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Tēnā koe e Morry

Pahiatua Wastewater Treatment Plant – ongoing resource consent process

1. Thank you for your letter dated 7 August 2017. As you know, the independent commissioners considering Tararua District Council's resource consent applications relating to the Pahiatua Wastewater Treatment Plant have directed the Council to report back, by Friday 11 August 2017, on the recent discussions between you and the Council (and with Rangitāne o Tamaki nui a Rua Inc) about the proposed wetland design. I will provide the Panel with a copy of your letter so that the commissioners are aware of your views.
2. On behalf of Tararua District Council, please accept our thanks for the time you have spent to date in participating in those discussions, and for the valuable feedback you have provided in relation to the design of the proposed wetland at Pahiatua. The meeting on 10 July 2017 was a very productive one, from the Council's perspective, and the Council is grateful for the views you shared on behalf of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua.
3. Thank you also for the comments provided in your letter of 7 August 2017. I note the matters you have raised regarding potential resource consent conditions, and in particular your desire to have a forum for continued engagement between you and the Council, a process for Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua to input further information about cultural values into the wetland design process, and ongoing monitoring of the cultural health of the Mangatainoka River.
4. The Council team is currently working on a revised set of proposed conditions, which is due to be provided to Horizons' planner by Friday 18 August 2017. The Council is committed to continuing productive dialogue with Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua, and the proposed revised conditions will build in mechanisms for you to provide further input to finalising the wetland design. Any such input will be gratefully received by the Council and its advisors.

5. Once Horizons' planner has had the opportunity to comment on the revised draft conditions, they will be circulated to submitters, including Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua, by Monday 28 August 2017. The Panel's direction then allows submitters to provide comments, which must be received by Friday 8 September.
6. Many thanks again for your letter and for the continued involvement of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua in this process.

Nāku noa, nā



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