

## Minutes Pre-hearing Meeting – Takapau Wastewater Treatment Plant

**Date:** Thursday 18 November 2021

**Time:** 9.30am – 12.00pm

**Location:** Central Hawke's Bay District Council Chambers, 28/32 Ruataniwha Street, Waipawa

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### Attendees:

**Name**

Bill Hale

Reynold Ball

Darren de Klerk

Hamish Lowe

**Sam Morris**

Tania Diack

Sophia Edmead

**Organisation**

**Submitter**

Hawke's Bay District Health Board (**Submitter**)

Central Hawke's Bay District Council (**Applicant**)

Low Environmental Impact (**on behalf of applicant**)

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Hawke's Bay Regional Council

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### Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss general issues associated with the application, and specific issues of concern to submitters. The meeting will be informal and without prejudice, the intention being to clarify and hopefully resolve the issues. The hope is that issues can be raised and any clarification sought provided.

### Agenda

1. Welcome (**Sophia Edmead, HBRC**)
2. Introductions of applicant, submitters and Hawke's Bay Regional Council staff (**All**)
3. Explanation of purpose of meeting (**Sophia Edmead, HBRC**)
4. Brief introduction to application (**CHBDC**)
  - Central Hawke's Bay and their consultant (Low Environmental Impact) set out the project to date including community engagement and how the project had been developed to remove the discharge from the river as much as possible and to cater for the growth of Takapau.
5. Submitters' presentation of issues & questions to applicant and Council (**Submitters**)
  - Mr. Bill Hale outlined his concerns as per his written submission. Mr Hale highlighted the concern of the discharge proximity to the highway intersection to Takapau township, given the proposed growth of Takapau he has some concern about potential land uses at the state highway and the proposed discharge to land may limit this.
  - Mr Hale also identified the desire to see the perimeter of the discharge area to be planted, particular on the boundary of the state highway to help ensure odour did not migrate from the site.

- Mr. Reynold Ball, on behalf of the DHB, identified a number of conditions that he considered needed further work to meet the sustainability goals of ‘profit, people and planet’. Generally, Mr. Ball stated that the DHB are supportive of the granting of a 35 year consent, provided conditions of consent are reflective of ongoing and continued improvement within the term of consent.
- Mr. Ball would like to see rewording of conditions to reflect the removal of the discharge from the river completely over time. He agreed that there would be some requirement to discharge into the river during flood conditions but considered that this should not be the norm.
- Mr. Ball also raised some concern with the number of ‘management plans’ proposed in the current proposed conditions of consent (proposed conditions of consent version 2 – dated 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021). Mr Ball considered that these multiple plans should come under one umbrella management plan.
- Mr. Ball would like to see the odour management plan independently audited.
- Mr. Ball identified that the DHB were supportive of the Condition 50 GC (proposed conditions of consent version 2 – dated 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021) regarding public education and also a requirement for the applicant to provide a shelter belt around the property.

#### 6. Applicant’s response (**CHBDC**)

- Mr Hamish Lowe, on behalf of Central Hawke’s Bay, identified the issues raised by the submitters in a table visible by all. The applicant and submitters went through each point and discussed whether the concerns could be alleviated by existing consent conditions (proposed conditions of consent version 2 – dated 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021).

#### 7. Summary & next steps

- CHBDC / Lowe Environmental Impact to complete table of issues identified in prehearing meeting by COP 22/11/2021 (this may include further responses to submitted information and any updated conditions of consent).
- CHBDC / Lowe Environmental Impact to provide word document of draft conditions of consent to HBRC by 22/11/2021
- HBRC to provide notes and updated conditions of consent to submitters and applicant by 25/11/2021
- HBRC to schedule in second pre-hearing meeting early December. More information to be provided

#### 8. Closing of pre-hearing meeting