

4. The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:

The whole application (tick box), or parts of the application described below:

(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

5. My submission is (give details):

Renewable energy is critical for New Zealand to achieve the goals of 30% below 2005 levels of emissions and net-zero carbon economy by 2050. Hydropower is still a strategic measure while thermal power is gradually phased out and hydrogen energy remains in the researching stage.

Opunake Power Station is a small hydro power station in existence for about 100 years. It is not only the historical evidence of hydropower development in New Zealand, but also a local, reliable and renewable energy resource for the Taranaki region.

The existing hydroelectric scheme meets the Taranaki Regional Plan Policy. It provides the community with an efficient, effective and sustainable piece of significant regional infrastructure. (AEE)

Opunake Power Limited demonstrated an overall good level of environmental performance. (Opunake Power Limited Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2017-2018)

We support the application for renewing the consents.

(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

6. I seek the following decision from the Council

To grant consent

To refuse consent

If Consent is granted, the conditions I seek are:

Note: You do not have to suggest conditions, particularly if you seek that consent be refused.

(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

7. Request for independent commissioner(s)

Pursuant to section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991, I request that the Taranaki Regional Council delegates its functions, powers, and duties required to hear and decide the application to one or more hearing commissioners who are not Taranaki Regional Councillors.

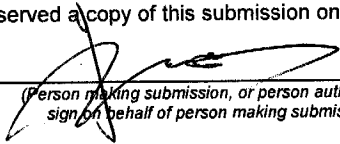
[Please tick if you do wish to make a request otherwise leave blank]

Note: Such a request may be made [in writing] up to 5 working days after close of submissions. If you do make a request under section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991, **you will be liable to meet or contribute to the costs** of the hearings commissioner or commissioners.

8. Signature

I/we have served a copy of this submission on the applicant (This is required by section 96(6) of the Resource Management Act 1991)

Signature:*


(Person making submission, or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making submission.)

Date: 12 / 04 / 2020