

FORM 13 SUBMISSION ON RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION



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Important Note:

Please ensure that all sections of this form are completed and that the Taranaki Regional Council receives this submission before midnight on the closing date specified on the notification.

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1. Submitter's details

Full Name: _____
Taranaki Coastal Community Board and Taranaki Coastal Councillors
Andy Whitehead, Sharlee Mareikura, Bonita Bigham, Liz Sinclair, Councillors Aaron Langton,
Bryan Roach and Chris Young

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Contact person: (if different to name above): Andy Whitehead

Street Address of property affected (if different to address above) _____

Serving of documents

The Council will serve all formal documents electronically via the email address provided above.

2. Application to which submission relates

Name of Applicant: Discharge - To discharge contaminants to water or land

Proposal (activity type and location): Water is diverted from the Waiaua River and discharged into the Opunake Lake.

TRC Consent Number(s): 20-10826-1.0

3. Attendance and wish to be heard at consent hearing

I/we **do not** wish to be heard in support of my/our submission
(This means that you will not be advised of the date of any consent hearing and cannot speak at any hearing. However, you will still retain your right to appeal any decision made by the Council.)

I/we **do** wish to be heard in support of my/our submission
(This means that you will have the option to speak in support of your submission at any consent hearing.)

If others make a similar submission, I/we will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing
[Please tick if you will consider presenting a joint case otherwise leave blank]

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



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

Overall we support the consent sought by Opunake Power Ltd provided the recommendations below are taken into consideration and there are no detrimental impacts on the Waiaua awa.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the application and for the opportunity to speak to our submission.

5. My submission is (*give details*):

1. In relation to the amount of water that is to be fed into or out of the Opunake Lake, we seek that minimum and maximum levels are stated as a condition. Minimum and maximum water levels will ensure that the Lake is not emptied where there could be impacts on bird and fish species and ensure that high levels do not cause flooding.

2. We ask that any outfall directed to the Opunake Beach be diverted directly out to sea and not left to meander across the beach sideways where people swim.

3. In reference to the reeds and flaxes that are to be removed from the side of the Opunake Lake we request that this only occurs if they stop or hinder the flow of water into the Lake. We also ask that the removal of any reeds and flaxes have minimal impact on native bird and fish species.

4. We note that impacts on cultural values have not been assessed. We ask that this is undertaken prior to consent being granted and the applicant meets with Iwi to discuss any concerns they may have.

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.

The Taranaki Coastal Community Board and Councillors Langton, Roach and Young support the consent be granted provided the recommendations above are taken into consideration.

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: * Andy Whitehead
(Person making submission, or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making submission.)

Date: 14 April 2020