

Submission on resource consent application

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Application to which submission relates

Name of applicant Opunake Power Ltd
Proposal (activity type and location) Operation of the Opunake Hydroelectric Power scheme in Opunake
TRC Consent number/s 1795-5.0; 1796-4.0; 1797-4.0; 5581-2.0; 4744-3.0; 4563-3.0; 5692-2.0; 10826-1.0
I am a trade competitor for the purposes of [section 308B](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991 No

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

My submission relates to the whole application Yes

Submission details

Please provide details of your submission. If your submission is in a document, you can upload the document below.

As as club serving the Opunake and wider South Taranaki district communities we are greatly effected by the approval of consent no. 4744-3.0 & 4563-3.0 in particular (and the fact we have previously requested to be listed as an affected party but has not happened)
With the dangerous rips that are formed by the tailrace operating into the Tasman Sea at Opunake beach it will put extra work to our volunteer lifeguards to keep the general public safe
While we support the submission as a whole we would like acknowledgment in the form of a condition placed on the consents that Opunake Power Ltd needs to return Opunake Lake to swimmable status as it has been under previous owners. When the lake is able to be utilised by our club it allows all our members (including our juniors) to train in all weather conditions to ensure when rescues take place in the

tailrace our volunteers are fit and capable to make the saves. Since been not able to utilise the Lake as a training facility the skills of our club members has had a noticeable decline. Our juniors are unable to train in the ocean 50% of the time due to west coast conditions.

We would like to note that we read with interest in Opunake Power Ltd submission “that they are happy to assist a ‘community lead initiative’ to clear the lake bed” Considering the condition of the lake has been a hot community topic for a number of years we think this is a very weak statement from the company, as they could have easily have dealt with this previously if they were actually prepared to help. For that reason we believe it is the Opunake Power Ltds problem, and not the Opunake communities, to lead this and have the issue rectified so the lake can again be used recreationally for humans again, like in the past.

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NA

Outcome sought

I seek the following decision from the Council

To grant consent

If consent is granted, the conditions I seek are

Return Opunake Lake to a ‘swimable’ status, led by Opunake Power Ltd NOT the community

You can upload a document containing the conditions you seek here

NA

Attendance and wish to be heard at consent hearing

I/we wish to be heard in support of my/our submission

No

By answering no, 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.

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 Councilors.

NA

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.

Provision of submission to applicant

The Resource Management Act 1991 requires you to send a a copy of the submission to the applicant.

Would you like the Applicant to be automatically sent a copy of this submission via email?

Yes

Please enter the applicant's email address here

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Authorisation

By selecting this checkbox, you are confirming you are the Yes
person making submission, or person authorised on behalf of
person making submission.

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