

Alissa Sluys

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To: Alissa Sluys
Subject: Re: FNDC - WWTP - Resource Consent Applications APP.003839.01.03 and APP.002667.01.04 - Proposed Conditions

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I would like to provide comments on the attached proposed conditions

Here they are:

1. **The Consent Holder needs to critically evaluate why the WWTPs has been non-compliant for much of the time; this would inform what current management practices they need to improve in the short term i.e. the next three years.**
2. **The Consent Holder must prepare a Site Management Plan (SMP) that covers all operations and maintenance of the Opononi-Ōmapere Wastewater Treatment System (OPO-WWTP) and submit it to the Northland Regional Council' assigned monitoring officer and the Community Liaison Group within six months of the date of commencement of this consent.**
3. **It is NOT for the Consent Holder to invite representatives and form the Community Liaison Group (CLG). It is for the local people to determine the makeup of the CLG, which I believe should be led by local hapū and community representatives.**
4. **That the purpose of the CLG is to find a culturally and environmentally appropriate land-based treatment and discharge within the three year time frame AND to discuss and make recommendations to the consent holder on the maintenance programme and identify opportunities to improve the quality of the wastewater discharge.**
5. **The Best Practicable Option (BPO) is to have a LAND BASED TREATMENT and DISCHARGE. Milestones are to be set and met to arrive at this solution over the 3 year period. This includes evaluation of the Electro-coagulation process and discussion with landowners.**
6. **New monitoring sites are required both within the Waiarohia Stream and close to the pipe outfall within the Harbour to more accurately reflect environmental affects.**
7. **Recognition of Climate Change and an Emissions profile are required.**
8. **The Terms of Reference should be written by the CLG and they should have control of frequency times, dates and places of the meetings. Annual meetings will definitely not be sufficient to get through the necessary work.**
9. **That the monitoring standards are not to be lowered, but raised and that monitoring be extended to include Matauranga Māori forms of monitoring in consultation with the CLG.**
10. **We do not want treated wastewater discharged into the costal marine area of the Hokianga Harbour any longer than 3 years.**

Thank you
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