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RE: Aupouri Aquifer - Cultural Values report

1 message

Geraldine Baker <geraldine@teaupouri.iwi.nz>
To: Martell Letica <martell.letica@wwla.kiwi>

2 June 2020 at 18:57

Ok, please send through one you have made your amendments, thanks.

Nga mihi

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From: Martell Letica [<mailto:martell.letica@wwla.kiwi>]
Sent: Tuesday, 2 June 2020 2:46 PM
To: Geraldine Baker
Subject: Re: Aupouri Aquifer - Cultural Values report

No worries - I'm making a few amendments to the first sections (having thought about these throughout the weekend!), and including Statutory Acknowledgement areas.

Hope you had a good break?

Nga mihi,

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On Tue, 2 Jun 2020 at 09:58, Geraldine Baker <geraldine@teaupouri.iwi.nz> wrote:

Morena Martell,

I was on leave last week and just getting back to clearing emails.

I will respond to you either late this afternoon or tomorrow morning, latest, thanks.

Nga mihi

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From: Martell Letica [<mailto:martell.letica@wwla.kiwi>]
Sent: Friday, 29 May 2020 4:20 PM
To: Geraldine Baker
Subject: Re: Aupouri Aquifer - Cultural Values report

Kia ora Geraldine,

As promised, draft of cultural values assessment from the literature review. I was keen to get your thoughts on the EMP analysis before adding the closing statement in case there are fundamental issues with the approach.

Nga mihi,

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On Tue, 26 May 2020 at 13:57, Martell Letica <martell.letica@wvla.kiwi> wrote:

Nga mihi Geraldine - just putting finishing touches on the Te Aupouri cultural values assessment report which really just responds to the Iwi Environmental Management Plan. I'll be sending this through to you shortly for review and approval for use.

Hei konei ra,

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On Wed, 20 May 2020 at 14:03, Geraldine Baker <geraldine@teaupouri.iwi.nz> wrote:

Kia ora Martell,

I agree with your assertion regarding the scope of TACDL's application. Let's keep it simple, thanks.

As requested and to assist with our submission, I attach a copy of the Te Aupouri Group organisational structure in relation to TACDL (I understand you have everything else. Please let me know if you require anything further).

Nga mihi

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From: Martell Letica [mailto:martell.letica@wwla.kiwi]
Sent: Tuesday, 19 May 2020 1:51 PM
To: Craig Wells; Geraldine Baker
Cc: Stewart Otene
Subject: Aupouri Aquifer - Cultural Values report

Tena koutou,

We are currently progressing through documenting cultural values of the rohe. I had a couple of questions to confirm the scope on some matters however.

The consent applications are for taking and use of water with the scope of effects being tied to (a) aquifer water levels; and (b) efficiency of use/quantities.

The land development and discharges which may go hand-in-hand with the use of the water are regulated elsewhere through the plan and at this time, no proposals are seeking resource consents for these other associated activities such as;

- **Discharges from land use activity (i.e., agrichemicals, stormwater, etc):** The discharges associated with the land use are regulated elsewhere in the plans through Section 15 RMA and not through the taking and use of water per Section 14 RMA. Furthermore, neither the proposed or operative regional plans regulate diffuse discharges from agricultural or horticultural land use (diffuse discharges are lower in case of horticultural development);
- **Land use intensification (non-ruminant):** The District Plan does not regulate horticultural land use in the Rural Production zone.
- **Earthworks:** Re-contouring, cultivation, etc.

I need to know whether our scope is to specify eco-cultural objectives and policies with regard to the resource consent application activities only (take and use of water) or whether you would prefer a wider lens.

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Re: 10310 Aupouri Aquifer GW take applications - Update

1 message

Martell Letica <martell.letica@wwla.kiwi>
To: Geraldine Baker <geraldine@teaupouri.iwi.nz>

8 June 2020 at 11:29

Morena Geraldine,

Documents attached as requested.

Nga mihi nui,

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On Mon, 8 Jun 2020 at 10:27, Geraldine Baker <geraldine@teaupouri.iwi.nz> wrote:

Kia ora Martell,

Along with the Cultural Values Assessment, can you please send me copies of:

- The 'MWWUG Groundwater Monitoring and Contingency Plan'
- The consent conditions WWLA will be agreeing with NRC for our application

Thank you.

Nga mihi

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From: Martell Letica [mailto:martell.letica@wwla.kiwi]

Sent: Monday, 8 June 2020 9:49 AM

To: Anton Mathews; Blake Powell; Bob Campbell; Che Charteris; Claudia; Craig Wells; Diane Wedding; Elbury Holdings Ltd; Geraldine Baker; Grant Kokich; Greg Blunden; Ian Broadhurst; Jason McLarnon; Jeremy Evans (NDHB); Kathy Valadares (bellavitakb@gmail.com); Keith & Helen; Malcolm Bellette; Mark Johnson; Mervyn Evans; Michael Yelavich; Murray Forlong; P&G Enterprises; Paul McLaughlin; Shane Blucher; Sheryl Shine; Stewart Otene

Cc: Jon Williamson; Louise Soltau

Subject: Re: 10310 Aupouri Aquifer GW take applications - Update

Good morning all,

A quick update that Northland Regional Council will be issuing email/letters to submitters that your applications will be proceeding to a hearing no later than August/September this year in case you hear commentary in the community about it.

As always, any questions, give me a bell or drop me an email.

Kind regards,

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On Fri, 5 Jun 2020 at 11:12, Martell Letica <martell.letica@wwla.kiwi> wrote:

Tena koutou,

Please see the email update below from NRC's consultant planner on your applications. Jon and I are working with NRC currently on a number of these tasks. Stephanie also advised that hearings commissioners, David Hill and Peter Callendar, have been approached to preside over the council hearing.

Also, going forward, WWLA will be managing your applications on the basis of the details set out below;

- **An adaptive management regime will be adopted:** Due to a particularly conservative view on modelled predictions of effect, without an adaptive management regime, NRC have indicated that they consider effects would be more than minor resulting in re-notification and recommendation to decline. Discussions with NRC thus far suggest they will be looking to apply a similar regime as the MWWUG GMCP. As such, WWLA will be proposing that your takes be subject to an adaptive management regime similar to that of the MWWUG (set out in a document titled 'MWWUG Groundwater Monitoring and Contingency Plan' (GMCP)). Please let me know if you would like to view a copy of the GMCP document.

- **Staged implementation to taking will be proposed:** Adaptive management requires that development is staged to be able to monitor the environment's response to the development as volumes are increased in set increments. As such, by proposing an adaptive management regime, WWLA is effectively proposing staged implementation to taking. WWLA sent out an email earlier in the year asking people to provide details on the increments of water likely to be required for the stage of development as some orchards have already been planted. If you haven't responded to Louise Soltau with this information, please do so.
- **WWLA proposed a set of conditions in your applications based on standard water permit conditions:** NRC will be recommending a set of conditions similar to the MWWUG consents which are not standard conditions. WWLA will be agreeing to work with NRC on drafting consent conditions that are similar to MWWUG conditions. Please let us know if you would like to view a copy of what these conditions look like and we will send one through.
- **Cultural Values effects assessment:** WWLA is preparing cultural values literature review reports for nga rohe of Te Aupouri, and Ngai Takoto by agreement from these Iwi authorities. We are awaiting affirmation from Te Rarawa to do the same work in relation to their rohe.

If you are unsure about or disagree with any of the above, please get in touch with me as soon as you can to discuss.

Also, I thought it would be informative for you all to see summary details of the submissions and the data we have collected and collated to confirm their affected persons status. My working copy of the submission spreadsheet is attached for your records.

So, in summary, we are full-speed ahead and working intensively with NRC and DoC to negotiate your best position going into the hearing. As noted at our Workshop in January, the better aligned we can be on conditions and the GMCP with these two organisations, the faster the hearing will be and the better the likelihood of an appeal being dismissed (as the matter raised in the person's submission has been sufficiently addressed in conditions).

Any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Nga mihi,

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From: **Stephanie Kane** <stephanie@landsandsurvey.co.nz>

Date: Wed, 3 Jun 2020 at 13:36

Subject: 10310 Aupouri Aquifer GW take applications - Update

To: Stuart Savill <Stuarts@nrc.govt.nz>, Martell Letica <martell.letica@wwla.kiwi>, Brydon Hughes <brydon@landwaterpeople.co.nz>

Cc: Blair Masefield <blair@landsandsurvey.co.nz>, lasw@emailmyjob.com <lasw@emailmyjob.com>

Kia ora all,

I've been in conversation with all of you individually this past week, and it has been great to discuss the applications and set some actions and timeframes regarding next steps.

I've jotted down some points, below. Please do pipe up if there's anything that is missing or seems awry.

1. Brydon's technical review will come in two parts. The first will comprise a review/critique of the updated model and revised assessment, and will utilise the incoming monitoring data to validate the modelled predictions. The second will comprise a more interpretive piece that then looks at the monitoring and mitigation proposed/required for the proposed takes. Provided that the data is available, a draft of the first part should be available at the end of this week.
2. Both parts of the technical review are necessary for me to complete my reporting, which will follow after both have been appropriately reviewed and issued, including any relevant response on behalf of the Applicants. Again, this is dependent on the timing of the monitoring data being made available to Brydon.
3. I am in the process of making contact with the Department of Conservation to touch base on the process for engagement regarding the management and mitigation requirements for the proposed takes.
4. As discussed with Martell, I'll be looking at the framework for the GMCP in greater detail as a first step to developing a proposed management and mitigation regime for these applications, as the existing GMCP was heavily influenced by the coastal policy context of the NZCPS and RPS for Northland. If we're going to explore the possibility of implementing sub-zone measures or triggers, then the policy scaffold needs to be sufficiently broad, dynamic or focused to support this. Once that part is established, we can then bring the parties together to nut out the more technical nitty gritty. This raises the question about whether amending and expanding the scope of the existing MWWUG GMCP is appropriate, or whether the sub-zone approach necessitates a separate GMCP for the proposed takes, but that's a discussion for another day not far away.
5. Stuart is going to touch base with Waiora Marae to manage the relationship, discuss concerns and talk about next steps for their involvement in wider discussions regarding water use and allocation.
6. There is potentially a package of work for NRC in reviewing and/or revising the allocation limits in response to the updated survey data. However, based on discussion with Stuart is it my understanding that NRC maintains confidence in the process through which the allocation limits have been set, that the requirements of the NPS have been fulfilled in regards to groundwater quantity, and the allocations have been derived using mandated and robust methodologies. The majority of the outstanding actions in NRC's NPS implementation programme are concerned with water quality.
7. In regards to the allocation limits, there are two options for progressing these applications: the first being using the allocations currently outlined in the Plan and under which the applications are lodged and assessed; the second being waiting until the review/revision process is complete and considering the applications under any revised limits. My preference is that we work with what we currently have and look at any necessary adaptations as and when necessary, and that we are cognisant of the potential for changes in the way the proposed management regime and conditions are structured and worded. That being said, I see no problems if there is a particular preference amongst the applicants to wait and see.
8. Regarding setting a hearing date, I'd prefer to have a set of proposed conditions agreed or with disagreements identified between Council, DoC and the applicants plus a draft GMCP prepared so that the scope of any residual issues is clearly identified and the hearing panel's focus can be appropriately targeted. My gut feeling is that we're looking at around mid-August, depending on availability and

scheduling, providing for some targeted engagement on conditions and management, and allowing sufficient time for pre-circulation and notification.

Stuart and I are meeting tomorrow to discuss the applications. I anticipate having more of a timeline with key milestones and indicative dates laid out for you all afterwards.

I hope that provides some confidence in terms of progress and process going forward. Do get in touch for a chat if there's anything you wish to discuss. I'm now back in the office and available Monday – Thursday (inclusive).

Nga mihi nui,

Stephanie

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Te Aupouri Cultural Values Assessment.docx

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GMCP - January 2020.pdf

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Martell Letica <martell.letica@wwla.kiwi>

Re: Hearing Committee Agenda - Resource Consent Hearing REQ.596300 – Aupouri Aquifer Water User Group – 24 Resource Consent Applications For Groundwater Takes From The Aupouri Aquifer For Horticultural Irrigation

1 message

Craig Wells <craigjwells@icloud.com>
To: Martell Letica <martell.letica@wwla.kiwi>

12 August 2020 at 16:04

Kia ora Martell

I never caught up with Wallace yesterday due to his flight being cancelled and he's now stuck in Auckland. I would submit this as part of your evidence.

Craig

On August 10, 2020 at 8:47 AM, Martell Letica <martell.letica@wwla.kiwi> wrote:

Kia ora Craig,

Yep, a lot of reading at this end of the process!

The consent term was discussed back when both Chris and I were at Opus and it was decided it was best to stick to plan policy which was that water takes would be granted subject to 25 year consent terms. Similar discussions were had with Te Aupouri on consent term, and included consideration of their development plan horizons. It was essentially considered a 'bad' look for the Iwi authority to be applying for consent terms that contradicted regional plan policy.

The other applications were prepared and lodged by WWLA and either didn't consider the plan policy or disregarded it.

So while a range of consent durations were applied for, NRC can recommend something different and they have done so. NRC have recommended shorter consent durations of only 13 years so that MWWUG consents and these consents expire in the same year so that they can process any renewal applications as a group. I believe this will be difficult to argue against as all of the NRC's plan policies point to consistent consent durations to manage water development in catchments and if no consistency is needed then they can look at alternative durations such as 20-30 year terms.

Any news on that Iwi environmental management plan assessment? My evidence is due the end of this week so I will need to know by Wednesday morning if I can enter it as part of my evidence or not.

Nga mihi,

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On Mon, 10 Aug 2020 at 07:06, Craig Wells <craigjwells@icloud.com> wrote:

Thanks Martell

Pretty solid amount of reading!

Just a couple of queries. Is there any reason 25 years was chosen for consent timeframe for Te Rarawa and Te Make Farms application? (versus 20 years for Te Aupouri and 30 years for all other

applicants).

And on page 70 it references consent expiring 30 Nov 2033 - any reasoning for that?

Craig

On August 9, 2020 at 12:07 PM, Martell Letica <martell.letica@wwla.kiwi> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Please find below details on the hearing for your applications, to be held in Kaitaia, commencing 31 August 2020.

There are two documents attached. It may be of interest to you to read the document entitled '**Hearing - Agenda**' as this contains the NRC's assessment and recommendations on your applications, which by my reading agrees with WWLA analysis.

Any questions, feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

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From: **Alissa Sluys** <alissas@nrc.govt.nz>

Date: Fri, 7 Aug 2020 at 15:51

Subject: Hearing Committee Agenda - Resource Consent Hearing REQ.596300 – Aupouri Aquifer Water User Group – 24 Resource Consent Applications For Groundwater Takes From The Aupouri Aquifer For Horticultural Irrigation

To: jon.williamson@wwa.kiwi <jon.williamson@wwa.kiwi>, Martell Letica <martell.letica@wwla.kiwi>

Please Quote File: REQ.596300

Dear Sir and Madam,

HEARING COMMITTEE AGENDA

RESOURCE CONSENT HEARING REQ.596300 – AUPOURI AQUIFER WATER USER GROUP – 24 RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS FOR GROUNDWATER TAKES FROM THE AUPOURI AQUIFER FOR HORTICULTURAL IRRIGATION

Please find **attached** a copy of the Hearing Committee Agenda, for the above scheduled hearing. This report provides council's recommendation on the above applications to the Hearings Panel.

Please also find **attached** a Direction as issued by the Hearings Panel.

Ngā mihi

Alissa Sluys

Consents & Hearing Administrator

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FW: Final - CIA - Te Aupouri Aquifer

3 messages

Stewart Otene <stewart@terarawa.co.nz>
To: Martell Letica <martell.letica@wwla.kiwi>

14 August 2020 at 15:48

Kia ora Martell,

Please see CIA from our Taikiwa. Any comments?



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From: Tui Qauqau <tui.qauqau@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, 7 August 2020 6:00 am

To: Stewart Otene <stewart@terarawa.co.nz>; Zarena Blucher <zarena@terarawa.co.nz>

Subject: Final - CIA - Te Aupouri Aquifer

Morena, please see attachment of the: Te Rarawa Assessment Aupouri Aquifer. Stewart can you read through, and if nothing else needs to be added can you sign it off on the front page.

nga mihi

Tui



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Martell Letica <martell.letica@wwla.kiwi>
To: Stewart Otene <stewart@terarawa.co.nz>

14 August 2020 at 16:05

Kia ora Stewart,

Thanks for sending this through - a lot of good work in this document! Is it possible that I could prepare an assessment against the provisions that have been promoted in this document as currently there's no assessment of the proposals against it?

In terms of timing, our evidence is due at 5pm this arvo so we will add this as supplementary evidence unless you are happy for me to include it in my evidence today?

Nga mihi,

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Stewart Otene <stewart@terarawa.co.nz>
To: Martell Letica <martell.letica@wwla.kiwi>

14 August 2020 at 16:09

Hi Martell,

Happy to include it in your evidence today and also complete the assessment of the proposals against it.

Regards

Stewart



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