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Subject: Re: FNDC - WWTP - Resource Consent Applications APP.003839.01.03 and APP.002667.01.04 - Circulation of Proposed Conditions
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Personal submission of Lance Bryers

To : Hearing Commissioners, Northland Regional Council

Submitter: Lance Byers

Submission on: Revised Consent Conditions for Opononi/Omapere WWTP and Kohukohu WWTP

Applicant: FNDC

Description Activity: Short Term discharge permit to wastewater.

Submission:

It was encouraging to see that the resource consent period for this application has been reduced from a period of 35 years to just three. The implication being that the applicant (FNDC) has listened to the voice of the people and is serious about seeking a workable solution going forward.

To that end, I would seek; the

- establishment of a community liaison group (CLG) in the first instance and compromising members of the local rate payers and of local hapu probably with a 50/50 split of eight members in total. Ngati Korokoro being the hapu in Opononi/Omapere and Te Ihutai being hapu in Kohukohu.

From the hearings in Rawene, it was obvious that the discharge of human waste directly into a waterborne environment is culturally unacceptable to both Maori and others. This objection has been voiced since day one in the setting up of these WWTP's.

With that in mind, the CLG must be charged with developing it's own terms of reference as regards liaison with the applicant (FNDC) and with regards the research and development of an alternative land based disposal system.

Further, the discharge of human waste into the Hokianga Harbour is but one issue dealing with the pollution of the harbour. Silting and farm and forestry runoff being examples of others that need to be addressed in the future. That said, there is no reason to delay and to make a start with the issue that is immediately before us.

On Thu, 17 Aug 2023, 9:27 am Alissa Sluys, <alissas@nrc.govt.nz> wrote: