

Reasons for the suggested amendments:

We feel the word "*kaitiaki*" must be included in the name of the Community Liason Group as under tikanga Maori it is the name given to "caretakers" of a resource.

As the FNDC name 3 Maori groups to be included in the Liason group, we think it only fitting that the title of the group include the word Kaitiaki to represent the Maori participants in the group.

We would like to see the "*Kaitiaki Commuinty Liason Group*" meet every 3 months, not annually as revised by FNDC. There is going to be a lot happening in the 3 years of the consenting period ie.. upgrades to the treatment plant, monitoring, cattle proofing fences, research into land based options, so to meet anually as FNDC suggest keeps the Kaitiaki Community Liason Group out of the loop of whats happening which defeats the purpose of the group. Furthermore the original Liason Group use to meet every two months when they were having meetings.

Similarly with regards to condition 26. of the Consent regarding the pipeline, we feel this should be checked every 3 months, not once in three years as the FNDC revised.

This pipeline broke in recent years and was not fixed for a very long time, FNDC should have the details of this. We feel an inspection 3 times a year is suffice to ensure the pipeline is working correctly.

On behalf of our Te Tu Tika Rohe Moana of Te Hikutu Hapu, just to let the Commissioners know, its still a big fat NO from our us and that "*We do not want sewage going into our Harbour at ALL*".

Nga mihi

The Kaitiaki of Te Tu Tika Rohe Moana of Te Hikutu Hapu

## 6. Our Submission stated:

There is:

- No recognition of Customary Cultural practises.
- No recognition of legal requirement to improve the quality of waterways.
- A lack of consultation with Opononi Omapere community, hapu and iwi.
- FNDC incapable of working within the previous Resource Consent, re. monitoring, compliance and reporting to Community Liaison Group.
- No serious attempt at finding a viable land-based alternative that is culturally acceptable to mana whenua and ecologically sound.
- No recognition of the shared responsibility for the waters of the Hokianga Harbour under a catchment-wide management plan.
- The request for 35years renewal is totally inappropriate given the overriding precautionary principle that should apply to public health.
- No mention of the requirements for monitoring, statistical limits and reporting of water quality and ecological health both at the WWTP and within the Hokianga Harbour.

### KEY TO TEXT COLOURING

**Red Text** Changes proposed to recommended consent conditions contained in Northland Regional Council's Section 42A Report at commencement of hearing (May 2023).

**Green Text** Revised changes proposed by Far North District Council during the adjournment of the hearing (May – August 2023).

### General Conditions

1. The Consent Holder must maintain the treatment system so that it operates effectively at all times and **keep** a written record of all maintenance **required and** undertaken ~~must be kept~~. A copy of this record must be forwarded to Northland Regional Council's assigned monitoring officer immediately upon request.
2. The Consent Holder must monitor the exercise of these consents in accordance with Schedule 1 (**attached**). The results of monitoring carried out for each calendar month in accordance with Schedule 1 must be forwarded to Northland Regional Council's assigned monitoring officer by the 15th of the following month, and also immediately on written request. This information must be in an electronic format that has been agreed to by the Northland Regional Council.

3. To prevent damage to the wastewater treatment system, ~~no stock shall be allowed to enter the Consent Holder must install and maintain a reasonable stock-proof fence to prevent stock from entering~~ any area that is utilised for the treatment of wastewater.
4. 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 within six months of the date of commencement of this consent.
5. A written copy of the review's findings and any revised Site System Management Plan must be provided to the Northland Regional Council' assigned monitoring officer within one month of completion of the review.
6. The Consent Holder must, as a minimum, operate and manage the wastewater treatment plan in accordance with the most recent reviewed version of the Site Management Plan required by Condition 4.

~~7. The Community Liaison Group must also include a representative(s) of the Consent Holder.~~ The Consent Holder must, ~~maintain a~~ within three months of the commencement of this consent, form and invite representatives from the following groups to form a **(Kaitiaki)** Community Liaison Group:

1. Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa;
2. Te Rūnanga A Iwi o Ngāpuhi;
3. ~~Nga Marae O Te Wahapū~~ Nga hapū o Hokianga; and

Ōmāpere and Opononi Communities (duly appointed);

8. The purpose of the **(Kaitiaki)** Community Liaison Group is to provide a forum to:

1. Share and discuss information on the performance of the wastewater treatment plant and monitoring of the Hokianga Harbour;
2. Discuss and make recommendations on ~~upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant~~ the maintenance programme and opportunities to improve the quality of the wastewater discharge; and
3. Discuss and make recommendations on alternative discharge options; and
4. Address any other matters relating to the wastewater treatment plant as identified by the **(Kaitiaki)** Community Liaison Group.

9. The Consent Holder must:

1. Provide the **(Kaitiaki)** Community Liaison Group with technical support from an independent person qualified and specializing in wastewater engineering and land disposal systems (appointed by the **(Kaitiaki)** Community Liaison Group and approved by the Northland Regional Council's assigned monitoring officer as being independent, suitably qualified and having no conflict of interest);

2. Schedule and hold ~~Hold~~ regular meetings ~~(at least annually)~~ for the duration of the Consent, at least **( every three monthly )** annually unless ~~representatives from Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa, Nga Marae O Te Wahapū or from the Ōmāpere or Opononi communities in the (Kaitiaki) Community Liaison Group request~~ agrees a ~~different~~ less frequent schedule; and
3. Prepare and circulate an agenda for each meeting and prepare minutes recording actions. A copy of the minutes must be provided to the members of the group within a reasonable period following a meeting;
4. Report to the Northland Regional Council's assigned monitoring officer as to the outcome of each review of the Best Practicable Option (BPO) for the treatment and/or discharge of wastewater; and

26. The Consent Holder shall, at all times, ensure the pipeline~~shall~~;

1. remains buried at all times; ~~and~~
2. ~~Theis-maintained to ensure its structural integrity of the pipeline shall be maintained at all times; and~~
3. ~~be~~ is identifiable at the surface of the water by a permanent marker buoy.

**Advice Note:** *Should the marker buoy become unfixed from its position, it shall be reinstated as soon as is practicable and safe to do so.*

2. The Consent Holder shall undertake inspections of the bed of the Hokianga Harbour where the pipeline is installed and also the outlet of the pipeline at least **(twelve times)** one occasion ~~within the duration of the consent every two years. The Consent Holder shall give the representatives of the Community Liaison Group as required by Condition 5 at least seven days notice of the proposed inspection of the pipeline.~~ A written report on the results of the inspection shall be forwarded to the Northland Regional Council's assigned monitoring officer ~~and the representatives of the (Kaitiaki) Community Liaison Group and made available on the Consent Holder's website~~ by 1 May every **(four months)** two years from the date of commencement of this consent.

**EXPIRY DATE:** ~~31-AUGUST 2039~~ Three years from the date of commencement of the consents.