

13 January 2021

Hiringa Energy
C/- Matt Luscombe
18A Ocean View Road
Strandon
New Plymouth 4312

Dear Matt

RE: PROPOSED HYDROGEN PIPELINE INSTALLATION – PALMER ROAD.

Thank you for reaching out to Firstgas Group to discuss the proposed Hiringa/ Ballance project including the installation of a Hydrogen Pipeline at the Ballance Agri-Nutrients' Ammonia- Urea Plant at Kapuni, Palmer Road. Specifically you have identified that the proposed hydrogen pipeline installation will need to cross an existing Firstgas pipeline and pipeline easement and you have requested confirmation that there are no legal or technical (engineering) barriers that would prohibit this proposed crossing of our network infrastructure.

In order for Firstgas to consent to any proposed third party utility installation over a Firstgas High Pressure Transmission Pipeline, our pipeline integrity engineers must first assess and approve the detailed design and proposed construction methodology of the utility installation. This assessment is a regulatory obligation, to ensure safety of people and pipeline integrity.

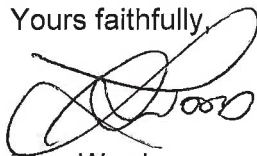
Assessments are managed through our internal Working Adjacent to Pipelines (WAPs) process. They are predominantly carried out by our pipeline integrity engineers and may result in determinations being made in relation to separation distances, works methodology and whether stand over will be required. On completion of the assessment, consent is issued (via a Pipeline Easement Permit). Pipeline Easement Permits may be subject to conditions resulting from the determinations made by our integrity engineers. The WAPs process must be undertaken in order for a consent to be issued, prior to commencement of works.

Based on the information you have provided to date, I am able to confirm that there are no obvious legal and technical barriers that would prohibit the installation of the proposed hydrogen pipeline across Firstgas' asset, provided that the WAPs process is followed, a consent is issued, and Hirangi complies with the conditions of any such consent.

As you will be aware, our registered easement provides that we cannot unreasonably withhold our consent, so we trust this provides you with sufficient comfort that reasonableness is applied during our WAPs process.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me to discuss further.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zane Wood', written in a cursive style.

Zane Wood

Senior Land and Planning Advisor

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