

Comments on the draft conditions of consent for the Kapuni Green Hydrogen Project

Greenpeace Aotearoa, Inc,

Introduction

In our joint submission with The Environmental Defence Society and Forest & Bird, Greenpeace Aotearoa submitted that the EPA should reject this application on the grounds that **its express purpose (at least in the short-term) is to produce an environmental pollutant.**

The organisations do not support the development of green hydrogen as feedstock for the production of urea or any other synthetic nitrogen fertiliser. Greenpeace submitted that the EPA should reject this application on the grounds that its primary purpose is the production of urea that will worsen outcomes nationally for the climate; environment; coastal and freshwater quality; air quality; indigenous biodiversity; and the wellbeing of current and future generations.

Comments on draft conditions

Greenpeace Aotearoa is submitting comments on conditions 115 - 117.

Greenpeace submits that conditions 115-117 should be replaced with a condition that imposes a requirement on the company to ensure that all green hydrogen produced, from the beginning of its production, will be used entirely for the purposes of supplying the transport market and not for urea or any other synthetic nitrogen fertiliser. The suggested amendments to conditions 115-117 are outlined below, additions are in green highlight and underlined, and deletions are striked-through).

Utilisation of Green Hydrogen produced

(115) From the beginning of hydrogen production, the consent holder shall ensure that all green hydrogen is utilised entirely for the purposes of supplying the transport market and is not utilised, at any point, for the production of urea or any other synthetic nitrogen fertiliser.

~~Transition From Urea Production~~

~~(115) On the dates specified below, the consent holder shall provide a written report to the South Taranaki District Council as to progress in achieving the transition of green hydrogen production from utilisation entirely for the purposes of urea production to~~

utilisation in the transport market over a five year period.

~~(116) The dates specified for the purposes of Condition 115:~~

~~(a) By 30 June 2023, and~~

~~(b) Each anniversary thereafter until 30 June 2028.~~

~~(117) Pursuant to s 128(1)(a)(iii) of the Resource Management Act 1991, the South Taranaki District Council may review this condition at any time after 30 June 2028 for the purpose of assessing progress of the transition referred to in Condition 115 above, and/or to propose new conditions to ensure that that transition progresses or continues.~~

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