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### **Request for information from Ambury Properties Limited in relation to Ohinewai Foam Factory under COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020**

The Ohinewai Foam Factory Expert Consenting Panel (the Panel) has directed the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to request further information from you under clause 25 of Schedule 6 of the COVID-19 Recovery Act 2020 (the Act), relating to the Ohinewai Foam Factory Consent Application.

#### **Background**

The Panel is concerned that land ownership to facilitate the rail siding and associated road realignment is not resolved at this important stage of the process. Much of the application has been premised on heavy truck numbers reducing once the rail siding is operational. In its **25 June** request, EPA requested the applicant to advise of the consequence of not being able to resolve this land acquisition.

#### **Additional Information Requested - Land Acquisition**

As directed by the Panel, the EPA requests the following additional information regarding the land acquisition for the rail siding, in answering the question in to request for information dated 25 June 2021:

1. What are the alternatives to this land acquisition?
  - a) If the necessary land cannot be acquired from Lumsden Family Trust, can the rail siding be located entirely on the applicant's land?
  - b) If yes, what does this mean for the design of the foam factory proposal (by way of example only – location of buildings and internal roading, effect on the swale on Balemi Road)?
  - c) If no, what assessment has been undertaken of the volume of ongoing heavy truck movements on the roading network and the impact of heavy trucks on that roading network, including the Ohinewai Interchange and Tahuna Road?
  - d) Is there any possibility of the rail siding being located on KiwiRail land? Has the applicant discussed this possibility with KiwiRail? If so, what was the result of that discussion?
2. Please provide a concept drawing of the alternative if there is one.

## Information Request

In addition to the information requested above, as directed by the Panel, the EPA also requests the following information:

3. What is the noise impact of the radius of the current rail siding proposal? Is its tight curve likely to cause squealing on train tracks? Has the radius been confirmed with KiwiRail?
4. What is the reason the applicant says the sign cannot be placed on the northern side of Building 2? This is not clear from the response dated 1 July 2021.
5. What is the visual effect of the signage on nearby residents?
6. Please confirm that no Crown lands will be acquired or transferred to APL as part of this application. Please diagram the point at which the proposed rail siding intercepts KiwiRail's designation.

In accordance with clause 25 of Schedule 6 of the Act Ambury Properties Limited must

- a) Provide electronic copies of the information or report requested; or
- b) Advise the EPA, with reasons that you decline to provide the information or report requested.

Please provide the further information to the EPA no later than **Thursday 8 July 2021**.

If any of the information becomes available before 8 July 2021, the Panel would appreciate it being made available to the EPA as soon as possible.

Please note, the information will be provided to the panel, the application and every person who provided comments on the application/notice of requirement. The information will also be made available on the EPA website.

If you have any questions or further queries please don't hesitate to contact Alex Erceg on [alexander.erceg@epa.govt.nz](mailto:alexander.erceg@epa.govt.nz) or 027 293 6728.

Nāku noā, na



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