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Request for information from Waikato Regional Council in relation 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 the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) under clause 25 of Schedule 6 of the COVID-19 Recovery Act 2020 (the Act), relating to the Ohinewai Foam Factory consent application.

At the direction of the Panel, the EPA is seeking the following information:

1. A response to the applicant's 1 July 2021 response to WRC's comment on the application for the diversion of surface water (page 7 of applicant's response dated 1 July 2021). It is noted that the current consent allows a take of 900m³, this new consent would take it to 2000m³;
 - a) Does WRC accept the applicant's response?
 - b) Does WRC accept the applicant's conditions and the transfer of existing consent conditions to the new consent?
 - c) If not, what conditions does WRC recommend?

The applicants response can be found here: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/referred-projects/ohinewai-foam-factory/comments-from-invited-parties/>

In accordance with clause 25 of Schedule 6 of the Act the WRC 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 by **Friday 9 July 2021**

If the information requested is not received, the panel must proceed as if the request for further information has been declined.

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.

Please note that WRC is entitled to set, and recover from the EPA, a reasonable charge for the supply of information requested by the EPA under clause 7(4) of Schedule 6 of the Fast-track Consenting Act.

If you have any questions or further queries, please don't hesitate to contact Alex Erceg on foamfactory.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz or 027 293 6728.

Nāku noā, na



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