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## **Request for information from Waikato District Council 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**

On 24 May 2021, the Ohinewai Rezoning in the proposed Waikato District Plan was granted. The EPA has received comment from Waikato District Council on the Ohinewai Foam Factory Consent Application. The applicant has also provided further information on how they consider the Ohinewai Rezoning in the proposed Waikato District Plan relates to their application. The request for information and the applicant's response can be viewed here:

<https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/referred-projects/ohinewai-foam-factory/reports-and-advice/>

### **Information Request**

As directed by the Panel, The EPA is seeking the following information:

1. Confirmation as to whether or not the comments provided by Waikato District Council on 23 June 2021 on the Ohinewai Foam Factory Consent Application took into account the Ohinewai Rezoning in the proposed Waikato District Plan;
2. If the comments provided by Waikato District Council did not factor in the Ohinewai Rezoning in the proposed Waikato District Plan, a description of the implications of the Ohinewai Rezoning in the proposed Waikato District Plan on the application.

In accordance with clause 25 of Schedule 6 of the Act the Waikato District Council 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 2 July 2021**.

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 Waikato District Council 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 [alexander.erceg@epa.govt.nz](mailto:alexander.erceg@epa.govt.nz) or 027 293 6728.

Nāku noā, na



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