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Dear Madam

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – OHINEWAI FOAM FACTORY UNDER COVID-19 RECOVERY (FAST-TRACK CONSENTING) ACT 2020

Further to your request of 6 July for 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 (p7 of the 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 response?*
 - b) *Does WEC accept the applicant's conditions and the transfer of existing consents conditions to the new consents?*
 - c) *If not, what conditions does WRC recommend?*

The Applicant's July 1 response on this increase from 900m³ to 2000m³ per day for groundwater abstraction is limited. Normally Waikato Regional Council (WRC) would expect a technical assessment on the effects on Stage 1B groundwater from the additional volume sought. Presumably the Applicant has, with the doubling of the earthworks footprint, doubled the 900m³ figure accordingly, hence an estimated volume of up to 2000m³ of groundwater per day to be taken and discharged.

Without any detailed assessment provided for the Stage 1B area, WRC would be reluctant to comment further on this increased volume, however we acknowledge the Applicant's comments that groundwater levels across the site are variable, and that it is difficult to predict the volumes of groundwater that will be encountered during the earthwork activities.

Notwithstanding this, WRC does accept the Application's conditions and the transfer of existing conditions to the new consents for Stage 1B, for both the taking of groundwater and the diversion of surface water. These conditions were drafted by WRC in consultation with the Applicant for Stage 1A to ensure that any unforeseen adverse effects are appropriately monitored and managed.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Hugh Keane on hugh.keane@waikatoregion.govt.nz or 0212424051

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzanne O'Rourke".

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