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Dear Richard,

Resource Consent Application – Further information request and Process Matters

Application number: LU/0323/21
Applicant: Global Contracting Solutions Limited
Address: 401 Racecourse Road, Te Awamutu

This letter sets out matters arising from the Landscape peer Review, matters for further information and the next steps in the application process.

1. Landscape Peer Review

Please find attached the landscape peer review completed by Will Gumbley (BECA) dated 28 September 2023.

The peer review identifies a number of matters arising from the LVA reports and technical assessments submitted in support of the application.

It is necessary for these matters to be addressed and clarified prior to the preparation of evidence for the hearing. We suggest that an initial video conference with the landscape experts and planners may be useful and then there may be further liaison between the landscape experts to help inform the response comments.

Can you please advise whether you would like us to arrange a video conference or how you would like to respond to the peer review assessment?

2. National, Regional and District policy Instruments.

We note that there are national, regional and district level policy directives regarding waste minimisation and a circular economy in terms of waste reduction and management.

The original AEE report dated 1 December 2021 and the supporting BERL Economic report discuss the circular economy and the additional information bundle dated 8 July 2022 provides assessment of the MoE 'A Waste to Energy Guide for New Zealand' and the Waipā District Council Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2017- 2023.

There have been more recent policy directives and updates, and I consider it would be appropriate for the Applicant to address these. Can you please assess the following policy directions/provisions;

- (1) The Aotearoa NZ Waste Strategy (Te rautaki para),
- (2) The Waipā Waste Management Plan has been updated to the 2023 – 2029 Waste Minimisation and Management Plan, and
- (3) The Waipā Waste Strategy 2017 – 2035.

See links below:

[Te rautaki para waste strategy](#)

[Waipā Waste Plan and Strategy](#)

3. Source of Municipal Waste.

I also note that the proposal is based on sourcing municipal waste from multiple councils to fuel the incinerator process.

The Waste Minimisation Act 2008 (the Act) requires all Councils to produce a Waste Minimisation and Management Plan and therefore this may impact and/or influence the nature and source of traffic movements to the site. Can you please discuss the following?

- (1) What has the level of engagement been with local councils in terms of the supply of municipal waste and have any contracts been confirmed?
- (2) How has any variation in the supply of municipal waste from different regions been assessed in terms of the traffic generation modelling and assessment of effects on the local roading network?
- (3) How have other councils waste minimisation strategies been taken into account as part of the identification of potential municipal waste sources.

4. Call-In Process

In light of the Ministerial decision to call in the South Island Resource Recovery Limited (SIRRL) waste to energy application in Waimate, both WRC and WDC have considered whether there is any need or merit in seeking a call-in process. The current position is that a call-in process will not be pursued. This may be revisited following the receipt of submissions and depending on the nature and scope of issues raised.

Can you please provide a formal position from your client on a call-in process? If your client is likely to favour a call-in process, then we will need early notice of this in terms of deciding whether we need to progress any hearing and commissioner arrangements.

5. Next Steps

We will complete a review of the submissions and confirm whether there are any additional requests for further information under Section 92. We understand that the Waikato Regional Council will do the same.

Both the WRC and WDC have already been discussing the appointment of hearing commissioners and a preliminary timetable for a hearing. These arrangements will be confirmed following a review of submissions and any further S.92 requests.

Please call or email me on 021 676 377 or todd@planningworks.co.nz if you would like to discuss this letter.

Yours Sincerely



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