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From: Ryan Hodgson
Sent: Monday, 27 March 2023 2:25 pm
To: 'Jan Steenkamp'
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Subject: Request for commissioning of report for resource consent application - APP-20232970

Tēnā koe Jan

Thank you for applying for resource consent on behalf of Southland District Council to discharge treated sewage effluent into the Mataura River.

I wish to commission a report under Section 92(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the RMA) for a technical review on whether or not there is sufficient evidence to determine if the proposed discharge will have adverse effects on the receiving environment. I believe such a report could be conducted by internal staff and they will be approached in the first instance.

This email outlines the reasons for this request, your options and how they affect you. **Please read the points below carefully or have someone explain them to you.**

The reasons why I wish to commission this report are:

- The data provided is based on consented parameters which may now be out of date and therefore may no longer apply. This may mean that adverse effects on the receiving environment could potentially be more than minor. For example, the reasonable mixing zone may be no more than 200m rather than the current 425m according to the definition of the reasonable mixing zone in the proposed Southland Water and Land Plan. Potential new contaminant limits may now also apply according to current standards.
- The increasing discharge volume will increase the contaminant loading within the Mataura River which may have adverse effects on the river and its ecosystems.

I believe that the proposed activity may have a significant adverse environmental effect because:

1. Of the increasing discharge volume especially, when considering current water quality standard parameters, may be outdated and superseded by current requirements.
2. The increased contaminant loading may adversely affect the health and wellbeing of the Mataura River and its ecosystems.

You must, by 19 April 2023 either:

- Respond and agree to the commissioning of the report, or
- Respond and refuse to the commissioning of the report.

Please consider what to do carefully. Your decision is important because:

- If you refuse to the commissioning of the report, or do not respond to this request, we must publicly notify your application under Section 95C of the RMA.

The time taken between this email and our receipt of the commissioned report will not be included in our total processing timeframes for the application. It is worth noting that you will be required to cover the cost of commissioning this report.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the intention to commission the report. I can be contacted by phone at Environment Southland Monday-Friday 8.00–4.30 on 0800 76 88 45 or this email address. Otherwise, if you need more information:

- go to [es.govt.nz/environment/consents](https://environment.govt.nz/environment/consents) or
- go to <https://environment.govt.nz/publications/applying-for-a-resource-consent/>

Ngā mihi

