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From: Frances Walsh <fwalsh@doc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 4 September 2024 4:35 pm
To: Robert Rose
Cc: Andrew van Bussel; Sara Bell
Subject: RE: Pukepuke Lagoon

Kia ora Robert

Thanks for your patience as we've considered how to move forward on this. Sara and I have discussed what we think needs to happen next.

We understand that what you'd like to happen is that the suspension of concession WA-219 is lifted to enable you to undertake some remedial mechanical drain clearance. This would help prevent flooding of the neighbouring lands during future weather events.

At this point we are not able to give you this, for the following reasons:

- Your report describes a rise in the water level in 2018 which appears to have had an impact on the ability of the drain network to manage increased water flow during weather events. We are not sure what effect any clearance work will have on the lagoon environment because of the new water levels and don't want to cause any irreversible harm by approving mechanical clearance without properly understanding impact.
- Approval to lift the suspension needs to be agreed by the co-management group of Pukepuke Lagoon being DOC, Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, Rangitāne o Manawatū and Ngāti Raukawa. The site visit could be a good place/time to start this conversation but in order for that to happen, it will be best for iwi to have access to the report that you've provided, beforehand.

In terms of next steps:

- I am happy to email iwi to give them a heads up that a report is coming from you, and I'll give them the background of the flooding and what has been requested.
- You then carry on with your iwi engagement (already being led well by you) by, prior to the site visit, sending out the report and making it clear that you're looking for a specific outcome/decision to be made, or at least discussed, on the day.
- And depending on what happens, we continue from there:
 - o If there's agreement for the suspension to be lifted, we'll make that recommendation to our Ops Manager and go ahead with that action if approved.
 - o If there's no agreement, we'll determine what's needed and follow through.

It's useful to bear in mind that the current concession will expire at the end of November 2030 – how we manage this situation will have a bearing on any re-issue options.

Please let me know if you're okay with what I've proposed above. I'm sure the timing doesn't sit well but we are not keen to rush anything at this stage.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Ngā mihi

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Kia ora Robert

Thanks for sending through the report. We'll check it out and I'll come back to you with next steps.

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Kia ora Frances

Sorry for the delays in getting this report to you.

As discussed we are keen to meet to discuss this report so we can clarify the next steps. On this basis we will make ourselves available any time next week to work in with your schedule.

We have tried to provide as much background as possible. With the exception of the eel numbers the information required under the concession has been provided in the attached report.

If you have any questions about the report please don't hesitate to call.

Ngā mihi

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