

Kelly Hancock

From: Dave Flintoff <Dave.Flintoff@mdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 15 March 2022 3:10 pm
To: Chelsea Kenny
Cc: Peter Barber; Andrew van Bussel
Subject: RE: Suspension of concession WA-219 Manawatu District Council
Attachments: conditional unsuspension WA-219 - DOC-6947913.pdf

Good afternoon Chelsea,

Thank you for responding to our request to carry out the drain clearing works at the Pukepuke Lagoon.

We acknowledge and accept the conditional unsuspension to carry out Mechanical Clearance of the vegetation. We also note and will carry out the work in accordance with the various conditions listed.

We are actively working on a plan for the environmental monitoring and reporting, and will be in contact with you regarding this in the very near future.

Could you please provide contact details for Rangitane o Manawatu as I will need to consult with them as soon as possible.

Regards, Dave Flintoff

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From: Chelsea Kenny <chkenny@doc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 15 March 2022 8:39 am
To: Dave Flintoff <Dave.Flintoff@mdc.govt.nz>
Cc: Dan Tuohy <dtuohy@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: Suspension of concession WA-219 Manawatu District Council

Kia ora Dave,

Please see the attached conditional unsuspension regarding mechanical clearance in March.

If you accept the conditional unsuspension please confirm via email.

Nga mihi,

Chelsea Kenny
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From: Dave Flintoff <Dave.Flintoff@mdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 21 February 2022 3:23 pm
To: Chelsea Kenny <chkenny@doc.govt.nz>
Cc: Andrew van Bussel <Andrew.VanBussel@mdc.govt.nz>; [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Suspension of concession WA-219 Manawatu District Council

Good afternoon Chelsea,

Further to our phone conversation on Wednesday of last week.

We acknowledge your Notice of Suspension of Concession WA-219. We are currently reviewing the conditions of the concession and putting together a procedures and a programme to enable us to provide the required environmental monitoring and reporting.

We respectfully acknowledge the notice of suspension, however we are frustrated by fact that we have been unable to meet a number of the other Special Conditions that are contained in Schedule 3 of the Concession Document, such as the right to carry out spraying within the present inlet and outlet channels in the easement area. Despite many requests to carry out this work we are still no further ahead. I would also suggest that the lack of attention to this matter is potentially having a detrimental effect on the surrounding lake and wetland environment.

Regardless of where we stand in terms of access to the easement, and in accordance with the special conditions contained in Schedule 3 of the Concession, we whereby formally request access to the easement for the purposes of carrying out mechanical clearing of vegetation from the channels before the end of March 2022.

I think you would agree that we need to meet with you and other interested parties for the purposes of discussing and resolving the various issues that are holding back maintenance works to the drainage channel.

In saying all this I do acknowledge once again the fact that we have been lacking in meeting the conditions in terms of the providing the required monitoring and reporting, and I ask that we are provided an opportunity to discuss this matter and put things right.

Thank you and regards, Dave Flintoff

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From: Chelsea Kenny <chkenny@doc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 13 January 2022 11:29 am
To: Dave Flintoff <Dave.Flintoff@mdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Suspension of concession WA-219 Manawatu District Council

Kia ora Dave,

Please note the required date of an adequate monitoring/reporting plan (as outlined in the attached letter) is the 31st of March 2022 not the stated 31st of March 2021.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Cheers,

Chelsea

From: Chelsea Kenny
Sent: Tuesday, 11 January 2022 12:27 pm
To: Dave Flintoff <Dave.Flintoff@mdc.govt.nz>
Cc: public@mdc.govt.nz; Kelly Hancock <khancock@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: Suspension of concession WA-219 Manawatu District Council

Kia ora David,

We have yet to receive a response nor the requested evidence outlined in the previous email.

Since 2017, the Department has raised concerns with the councils' lack of environmental monitoring/reporting required under the agreement. As of yet, there is no evidence that the council has remedied these concerns.

Effective immediately, the concession WA-219 is suspended. Please see the attached letter for full details.

If you have any question, feel free to contact me.

Nga mihi,

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From: Chelsea Kenny
Sent: Friday, 5 November 2021 2:13 pm
To: Dave Flintoff <Dave.Flintoff@mdc.govt.nz>

Cc: Andrew van Bussel <Andrew.VanBussel@mdc.govt.nz>; Kelly Hancock <khancock@doc.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Oroua Drainage Board - Pukepuke Lagoon

Kia ora David,

As per our phone conversation, I'm still awaiting responses from a couple of iwi – there is still an expectation that hui will go ahead to discuss various issues (either with iwi there or just DoC).

We have received a reply from Rangitane o Manawatu and I've summarised their below concerns.

Rangitane o Manawatu has declined to meet due to the following issues:

- Lack of engagement from the board and council to discuss the boards' activities over the past 13 years (they have only had one hui with the board and MDC in 2009 regarding your desire to dig a second outlet through the pukepuke pa site (now RoM settlement property).
- Concerns regarding the negative ecological impact this activity has caused on the tuna (eel) population.
- In 2015 they witnessed a kahahi bed destroyed in the outlet stream – there is an issue with cultural observation being ignored

These comments have highlighted concerns that the conditions outlined in your concession (refer to spillway and water level monitoring conditions within schedule 3) has not been met.

In late 2017 we had raised concerns regarding the absence of environmental monitoring and reporting. A follow-up meeting was held with the board and Ian Gilchrist (MDC) in February 2018 to highlight and mitigate this issue. MDC was to send through the required monitoring data. In 2019 another follow-up email was sent to Ian (refer to attachment) due to failure in providing this information. As of yet, there is no evidence that spillway and water level monitoring conditions within schedule 3 have been met.

On that note can you please provide the following:

- Any evidence of environmental monitoring and reporting undertaken pursuant to spillway and water level monitoring conditions within schedule 3
- Any evidence that the above had been supplied to the Department
- Last date of mechanical clearance of the spillway at Pukepuke Lagoon

Once we have a full understanding of the various concerns we can work through a process in addressing them.

Let me know if you have further questions.

Nga mihi,

Chelsea Kenny

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From: Dave Flintoff <Dave.Flintoff@mdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 1 November 2021 11:39 am
To: Chelsea Kenny <chkenny@doc.govt.nz>
Cc: Peter Barber [REDACTED]; Andrew van Bussel <Andrew.VanBussel@mdc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Oroua Drainage Board - Pukepuke Lagoon

Good morning Chelsea,

I am fielding ongoing enquires from drainage board members and land owners regarding progress around organising a meeting to discuss drainage problems at the Pukepuke Lagoon. This matter is urgent given the risk of flooding to the up stream section of the channel that passes along side the Lagoon. There is also a potential risk of the weed that has taken over the channel to migrate into the lagoon, that is if it hasn't already.

Could you kindly report back to us with some idea of when a meeting could potentially take place.

Thanks and regards, Dave

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From: Dave Flintoff
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To: Chelsea Kenny <chkenny@doc.govt.nz>
Cc: Peter Barber [REDACTED]; Andrew Van Bussel (<Andrew.VanBussel@mdc.govt.nz>
<Andrew.VanBussel@mdc.govt.nz>); Jerald Twomey <Jerald.Twomey@mdc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Oroua Drainage Board - Pukepuke Lagoon

Good morning Chelsea,

Further to our conversation regarding a proposed meeting with IWI and yourselves, I can confirm that we have a room at MDC that would be suitable to accommodate the likely number of people attending. If you are able to come up with a proposed date I will check availability and book. Please note that the room is generally booked out on Thursdays.

Look forward to your response.

Thanks and regards, Dave

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From: Chelsea Kenny <chkenny@doc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 12 October 2021 3:45 pm
To: Dave Flintoff <Dave.Flintoff@mdc.govt.nz>
Cc: Kelly Hancock <khancock@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Oroua Drainage Board - Pukepuke Lagoon

Kia ora Dave,

I'm just following up with you regarding your intention to potentially vary the terms of your concession.

Are you able to clarify your intentions to vary the concession and If you wish to vary the concession can you please advise the changes you wish to implement.

Feel free to give me a call or email.

Nga mihi,

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From: Kelly Hancock
Sent: Friday, 16 July 2021 1:02 pm
To: Dave.Flintoff@mdc.govt.nz
Cc: Christina Haynes <chaynes@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Oroua Drainage Board - Pukepuke Lagoon

Kia ora Dave,

Thanks for contacting DOC regarding your intent to clean out a drain at Pukepuke Lagoon using an excavator.

As I am sure you are aware, Manawatu District Council have an easement to drain stormwater along the Easement Area. Under the special operating conditions outlined in Schedule 3 of the easement document, mechanical clearing of vegetation ***must be undertaken between 1 January and 31 March.***

I understand you have had some discussion with Sara previously about changing that condition as there are some potential issues with the stipulated timeframe, including ability to do the work at that time of the year and the impact it may have on wildlife such as matuku/bittern.

As it currently stands, the easement doesn't permit the work you intend doing in August to be done at that time.

We can request a variation to the easement to change that, but would need to understand all potential effects of the proposed change – including potential effects on biodiversity and on cultural values which requires engagement with iwi that have interests there.

There are three iwi groups with interests at Pukepuke Lagoon:

- Rangitaane o Manawatu,
- Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, and
- Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga.

If MDC would like to engage with iwi directly, that would be great. You would need to provide evidence that iwi have considered the proposal.

Alternatively, DOC can lead this as part of the decision-making process.

It might be useful to see if we can get interested parties together for a hui (in-person or via Teams) to talk through potential issues first.

I'll wait to hear back as to if/how you want to proceed.

Nga mihi,

Kelly Hancock

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From: Sara Bell <sabell@doc.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 8 July 2021 2:36 pm

To: Kelly Hancock <khancock@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Oroua Drainage Board - Pukepuke Lagoon

From: Dave Flintoff <Dave.Flintoff@mdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 8 July 2021 2:33 pm
To: Sara Bell <sabell@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Oroua Drainage Board - Pukepuke Lagoon

Thanks Sara, phone number is 0272631893. Thanks Dave

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From: Sara Bell <sabell@doc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 8 July 2021 2:27 pm
To: Dave Flintoff <Dave.Flintoff@mdc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Oroua Drainage Board - Pukepuke Lagoon

Dave,

Thank you for your email, as mentioned I have forwarded it on to Kelly in our office who will respond. I did not catch your phone number.

Sara

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From: Dave Flintoff <Dave.Flintoff@mdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 8 July 2021 12:47 pm
To: Sara Bell <sabell@doc.govt.nz>
Cc: Andrew van Bussel <Andrew.VanBussel@mdc.govt.nz>; Peter Barber <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Oroua Drainage Board - Pukepuke Lagoon

Good afternoon Sara,

Further to our phone conversation yesterday afternoon regarding the state of the drainage waterway on DOC land near the Pukepuke Lagoon. The waterway is in a very bad state and needs urgent cleaning to avoid potential flooding up stream of the Lagoon, as well other potential risks associated with blocking this waterway.

On behalf of the Oroua Drainage Board and in accordance with the Pukepuke Lagoon concession, we write to give 28 days notice of our intention to bring in an excavator and clean the waterway located within DOC land that passes alongside the lagoon.

Thank you for your time this afternoon.

Regards, Dave

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