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Subject: RE: Pukepukē Lagoon; resolving WA-219 issues
Attachments: Ecological Assessment of Pukepukē Lagoon Concession area April 2025.pdf; Pukepukē Lagoon Vegetation Removal Plan..pdf

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Kia ora tātou

This morning Moana approved that the suspension on this concession is lifted which means the planned work for April can go ahead.

I've just spoken with Robert, and although nothing could be confirmed until they got the green light, they have been discussing when they might be able to complete the mechanical clearance so that it's done before the end of the month.

As it turns out, there is some wet weather heading our way for Easter Weekend, so the plan is to **start the mechanical clearance tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon**.

It is incredibly short notice but it's best to get the clearance done while the channels are still dry, hence the urgency. Please let me know if you can get a representative to site before the work begins for karakia and tikanga briefing (would be led by iwi). Or, as the work is expected to take 2-3 days, if there is any time before the end of the week that you guys can attend.

Robert has also sent through the ecological assessment – please see attached.

It's a basic but good baseline in terms of what vegetation exists around the three drains and provides some recommendations for dealing with horsetail that's been found, what to protect in terms of vegetation, needing weir and fish pass to be reviewed. Robert will incorporate these findings into an update of the environmental monitoring plan, which also needs to include the points made earlier (ongoing monitoring which will hopefully include iwi participation, annual reporting on what's happened in the past few months and therefore what's planned for the coming year, ongoing maintenance of the weir and fish pass). Note that although the report doesn't mention it, NO nesting birds were found along any of the drains.

I've also attached the clearance plan that Robert drafted up earlier, which has informed the clearance planning. These cover off the requirements set out in the concession. Although the conditions in the concession require that the channel be maintained to 6m wide, this first clearance will take out only the vegetation necessary to free up the drain, as taking out any more than that will mean too much material sitting and drying out alongside the track.

Sorry about the timeframe we've got but I hope we can kick this off on a good footing.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, or what your availability looks like for the next few days.

Thanks.

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Kia ora tātou

Thanks for your email Chris – I hear your request to be involved in the monitoring, and while time constraints may have hampered the ability for you guys to be involved in the immediate baseline monitoring, we will make sure the report is shared and it's understood how the information will be used to determine the plan going forward.

Everyone is keen to be involved as things move forward and while there may be a bit of manoeuvring to make this happen, it will be a priority. We haven't yet got a date for the clearance to start, but that will present the first opportunity for the group to come together again – it seems an ideal chance to kick off the new work with karakia and good wishes. From there, it'll be a matter of working closely together to keep things moving.

Anyway, thank you all for supporting a full lifting of the suspension. I'll make that recommendation to Moana and we'll move onto the next steps.

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Tena koe Francis

Yes as discussed on the phone just now, we as Nga Wairiki me Ngati Apa were keen for our participation to be included in the monitoring at the outset, but realising the short time frames and urgency required to do the initial catch up work by MDC are willing to seek clear reporting evidence of the monitoring work in this initial phase and then require monitoring participation in subsequent works with regard to this concession. With these proviso's we agree to the lifting of the suspension with agreed actions below and that we receive clear reported evidence of the monitoring work in this initial phase.

If there are any points of clarification required I am happy to discuss further.

Heoi ano

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Kia ora tātou

Thank you Debbie for your support to lift the suspension based on full compliance with an updated environmental monitoring plan as discussed.

[Leanne / Chris], [Neville / Reihana] – are you also happy that we lift the suspension based on the agreed actions? I would like to make the recommendation to Moana tomorrow so the appropriate approvals can be put in place for the clearance to be completed this month.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Thank you 😊

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Kia ora tātou

Thank you team for agreeing to the monitoring and mechanical clearance to be undertaken by MDC before the end of the month. Robert is working on getting things into place, firstly with the monitoring which will be followed up with the clearance.

I'm just checking now to understand whether you support a full lifting of the suspension, rather than a temporary one. A full lifting of the suspension means we can continue with the mahi as it needs to happen and there is some certainty around expectations on both MDC and DOC.

Based on our hui from last week, an "improved" update of the MDC environmental monitoring plan (related only to the concession) would include:

- More detail around the monitoring activity going forward subsequent to the baseline which we've outlined must be written into the updated plan.
- The requirement for ongoing vegetation clearance to be monitored and status of the weed growth reported annually (with decisions made from the report).
- Maintenance of the weir and fish pass to be written into an annual plan (although current fish pass will be reshaped during the clearance mahi).

Please can you let me know if you are happy for us to recommend to Moana that we fully lift the suspension, or if you prefer we temporarily lift it to enable only the monitoring and clearance. Either way, I'll be putting the recommendation to her next week.

Happy to field any questions or add more detail to the requirements above if needed.

Thanks.

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Kia ora tātou

Firstly, I want to acknowledge that Te Tūmatakahuki did not manage to get any representatives to our hui on Tuesday. As we did not have time to reschedule the hui, it went ahead.

Please find attached the minutes outlining the discussions, some photos of what we saw when we went to Pukepuke, and the resolutions that we arrived at. Please let me know if any edits are required.

Neville / Reihana:

- There are some resolutions that we would like your thoughts or support on:
 - That MDC undertake a baseline monitoring within the next couple of weeks.
 - That MDC undertake a mechanical clearance (after the baseline monitoring) of the inlet and outlet drains before the end of April.
- The information that helped us get to that point is outlined in the minutes, but I'm very happy to talk you through it.
- We're hoping to understand your position by 1st April so we can confirm that the activities can go ahead.

[Debbie], [Chris / Leanne], [Neville / Reihana]:

- I've attempted to pull together our kōrero and findings from the site visit into some cohesive background aligned to the requirements of the concession.
- With support for the baseline monitoring and first clearance, I will seek at least a temporary unsuspension from Moana.

- However, it seems to me that an improved plan (which Robert will work on) supports the full lifting of the suspension, which also enables better planning for us all.
- Please can you let me know if you support full lifting of the suspension.

I look forward to hearing from you, but will chase up next week.

Please come back to me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Subject: Pukepuke Lagoon; resolving WA-219 issues

When: Tuesday, 25 March 2025 10:00 am-3:00 pm (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Aroha mai, trying this date as Wednesday's not a good day.

Kia ora tātou

This is a reschedule from 18/02/25. It's a hui for iwi, DOC and MDC to come together to discuss and resolve some of the issues at Pukepuke Lagoon. We are looking to clarify what is required to have the suspension lifted, and in what ways management of the concession can contribute to the broader objective of restoring the lagoon to a healthy, functioning state. The larger landscape scale programme of work is outlined in the Pukepuke Lagoon Natural Heritage Plan (and we will start trying to progress this) – but here particularly, we are zooming in on the easement/drainage concession.

At DOC office, 28 North Street, Palmerston North:

10am: Welcome, mihihihi, kōrero about onsite issues, particularly in relation to WA-219 drainage easement concession:

- WA-219 concession:
 - What issues have been/are being caused by how this concession is managed
 - What do we need to see being done to resolve or mitigate those issues
 - What must happen in order for the group to support a lifting of the suspension
 - If suspension is lifted, what is the proposed order of action and timeframe or deadline
- Wider lagoon landscape:
 - What issues do we have/have we seen around the lagoon (lagoon-wide, landscape scale); and how are these affected by the management of the concession
 - What other issues are there – are they all covered by the Pukepuke Natural Heritage Plan
- Plan travel around the site, and what we'll look at.

12.30pm: travel to Pukepuke Lagoon

At Pukepuke Lagoon:

1.15pm: arrive Pukepuke Lagoon

- Travel around the site as planned, must eyeball actual issues:
 - Outline the issue(s)

- Outline the discussed resolution/mitigation
- Agree the proposed action and timeframe/deadline

Hoping this works but we'll just have another crack at finding a good day/time if it doesn't.

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