
MINUTE 10 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Follow-up to Response to Comments

Mt Welcome, Pukerua Bay, Porirua Project

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[1] Following issue of Minute 9, Greater Wellington Regional Council has responded to our invitation, suggesting that James Blyth should participate in expert conferencing considering freshwater ecology issues, and Gregor McLean should participate in the engineering infrastructure conference.

[2] We concur.

[3] Mr McLean also asked what specific aspects of earthworks management should be the focus of discussions between experts.

[4] The key issue is scale of the potential for sediment load into the retention wetland systems and potentially continuing on to the downstream Taupo Swamp environment and/or Pāuatahanui Inlet after completion of earthworks. There are several sections of open stream between the outlet of stormwater piped systems and the retention wetland systems and there are steep hillsides within the catchments that are potentially prone to erosion, scour and/or slippage. If the scale of potential sediment load into the retention wetland systems is significant, it raises greater need for sediment removal facilities at the retention devices and associated greater detail in the stormwater operation and maintenance obligations. The Panel seeks a greater understanding of this issue.

[5] Mr McLean has expertise in the management of erosion and sediment

control from earthworks sites and his presence at the conferencing is based on the expectation that his knowledge and expertise on sediment and erosion matters is sufficiently broad to allow him to assist in the discussion on potential sediment load into the retention wetland systems and comment on possible mitigation options if the scale of the issue is considered to be an issue for the site.

[6] The Panel considers the issue to be relatively narrow compared to the other matters to be covered at the conferencing. However, the sedimentation discussion requires input from the applicant's advisors as there are design configuration implications and it has a potential influence on Tiaki Wai's view on design, operation and maintenance of the retention wetland systems. The Panel anticipates the narrower matter could be dealt with in an efficient manner under Mr Brittliff's guidance, allowing Mr McLean to only be required for that specific matter.

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Trevor Robinson
Expert Panel Chair