

Your Comment on the Taranaki VTM Project

Please include all the contact details listed below with your comments.

1. Contact Details	
Please ensure that you have authority to comment on the application on behalf of those named on this form.	
Organisation name (if relevant)	Horowhenua District Council
First name	██████
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Phone number	██████████
Email (a valid email address enables us to communicate efficiently with you)	██

2. We will email you draft conditions of consent for your comment			
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3. Please select the effects (positive or negative) that your comments address:			
☐	Economic Effects	☒	Sedimentation and Optical Water Quality Effects
☒	Effects on Coastal Processes	☐	Benthic Ecology and Primary Productivity Effects
☒	Fished Species	☐	Seabirds
☐	Marine Mammals	☐	Noise Effects
☐	Human Health Effects of the Marine Discharge Activities	☒	Visual, Seascape and Natural Character Effects
☐	Air Quality Effects	☐	Effects on Existing Interests
☐	Other Considerations (please specify): 		

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Please provide your comments below. You may include additional pages if needed. If you are emailing this form and attaching any supporting documents, please list the names of those files below to help us ensure all materials are received.

Horowhenua District Council - Comments

The Horowhenua coastal environment is unique, being home to unique dune formations, endangered fish species and more. The coastal environment is of high significance to Iwi and Hapū, as well as the wider community – ranging from our residents to our visitors. Ensuring its protection is of high importance to Horowhenua District Council (HDC) and its community.

HDC urge the Panel to carefully consider the technical information submitted by all parties within the process when making its decision on the proposal, including in the drafting of conditions (if the Panel are minded to grant consent to the proposal). HDC understand the Taranaki Regional Council are of the view that the ‘worst case scenario’ is the one that should be adopted. This scenario indicates that plumes could reach as far as Horowhenua, the impacts of each HDC consider need careful assessment but do not have the technical capacity to undertake. HDC are interested in the potential impacts of the proposal on the Horowhenua community and its coastal environments and species and would welcome the opportunity to continue being involved in the process in relation to these matters. Given the potential impacts on the Horowhenua coastline, should impacts occur TTR should mitigate any impacts.

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