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11 September 2025

James Winchester

Tēnā koe James

**Re: Application to extend the lapse periods of resource consents RM150058 (CHBDC), RMA20160003 (HDC) and APP-131258 (HBRC) under Section 125(1A)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991**

I submit this to assist with the Councils' request dated 9 September 2025, for additional information under section 125 of the RMA.

Attached is our original letter dated 30 April 2025 to re-introduce the endorsement of recommendations that were made to our Board of Trustees, by a Tamatea Pōkai Whenua Mana Whenua Working Party that was appointed to work alongside the Water Holdings HB Project Team. These recommendations were endorsed, and remain unchanged.

*The Mana Whenua Working Party (MWWP) recommends that the Tamatea Pōkai Whenua board:*

- Support an application to Hawkes Bay Regional Council to extend the lapse date of the existing resource consents; AND:*
- Provide in principle, support for a Fast Track Approvals application for the re-scoped Tukituki Water Security project, subject to an acceptable plan to avoid, mitigate or offset the identified risks highlighted by the 'Worst Case' assessment (contained within the MWWP report).*

The Resource Management Act 1991, s95E(c) *must have regard to every relevant statutory acknowledgement made in accordance with an Act specified in [Schedule 11](#)*. The Heretaunga Tamatea Claims Settlement Act 2018, is an Act contained within Schedule 11; this Act being that of the claimants of the 23 Marae and 43 Hapū of Tamatea Pōkai Whenua.

Heretaunga Tamatea Claims Settlement Act 2018

**Section 24: Relevant consent authorities to have regard to statutory acknowledgement**

*(1) This section applies in relation to an application for a resource consent for an activity within, adjacent to, or directly affecting a statutory area.*

*(2) On and from the effective date, a relevant consent authority must have regard to the statutory acknowledgement relating to the statutory area in deciding, under [section 95E](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991, whether the trustees are affected persons in relation to the activity.*

Schedule 3 of the Heretaunga Settlement Act, lists the Waipawa and Tukituki rivers and its tributaries within the Heretaunga Tamatea areas subject to statutory acknowledgements. The Mākaroro river is a tributary of the Waipawa river which in turn becomes a tributary to the larger Tukituki river system. In turn, both river systems are linked to the Ruataniwha Aquifer system, now listed as an outstanding waterbody for cultural and spiritual values.

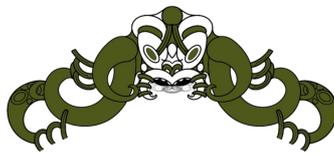
Therefore to summarise, the trustees of Tamatea Pōkai Whenua as contained within the Heretaunga Tamatea Claims Settlement Act 2018, are the affected persons in relation to this activity within a statutory acknowledgment area. Their endorsement to support the application for a lapse extension at their Board of Trustees meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025, remains unchanged.

If you have any further queries, you are welcome to make direct contact with me.

Nāku noa, nā



Dianne Smith  
General Manager Te Mātai Ao



Tamatea Pōkai Whenua

Wednesday 30, April 2025

Attention: Mr Stephen Daysh  
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Tēnā koe Mr Daysh,

**RE: RESOURCE CONSENT – TPW RECOMMENDATIONS**

As at Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Tamatea Pōkai Whenua held their 1<sup>st</sup> Community Board Meeting, at Rongomaraeroa Marae – Porangahau.

As one of the agenda items for discussion was the Tukituki Water Storage Project, the Tamatea Pōkai Whenua Board of Trustees endorsed the following recommendations from the Tukituki Water Storage Project - Mana Whenua Working Party:

***The Mana Whenua Working Party (MWWP) recommends that the Tamatea Pōkai Whenua board:***

- ***Support an application to Hawkes Bay Regional Council to extend the lapse date of the existing resource consents; AND:***
- ***Provide in principle, support for a Fast Track Approvals application for the re-scoped Tukituki Water Security project, subject to an acceptable plan to avoid, mitigate or offset the identified risks highlighted by the 'Worst Case' assessment (contained within the MWWP report).***

Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or our Te Mātai Ao – General Manager: Dianne Smith, Should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Hai konā mai,  
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**Pōhatu Paku**  
**Chairman - Tamatea Pōkai Whenua**