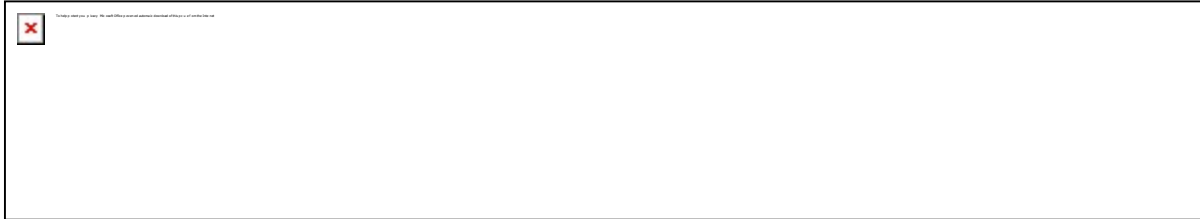


Sara Westcott

From: Mhairi Rademaker [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 3 June 2026 8:59 am
To: Sara Westcott; Julia Jung; John Foxall
Cc: Jack Baird; Ellie Watson
Subject: Re: Foxton Solar Farm- Drain Maintenance

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Kia ora,

Thanks all for your time yesterday to discuss Horizons flood and drainage control team's requirements for maintenance of Drain 3. Can you please review the notes below and confirm if this correctly records our discussion and your requirements?

Maintenance requirements

Maintenance of this drain in the past has sometimes been carried out by council and sometimes by the farmer. Maintenance of drains in this sand country area typically includes spraying of vegetation and occasional physical clearance.

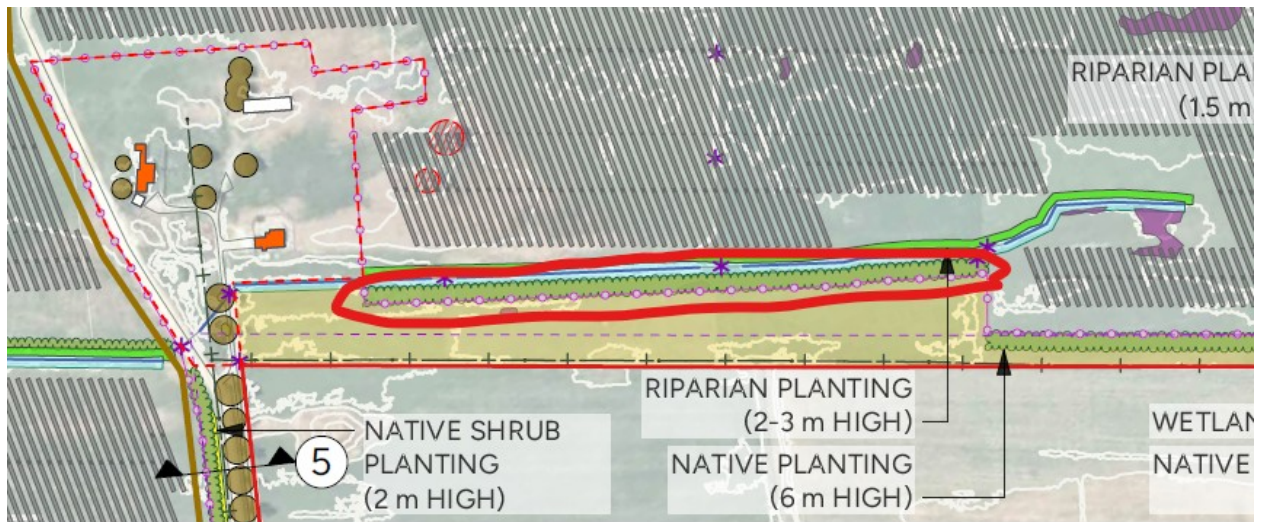
Horizons confirmed that if there are no other constraints, a 6m clear zone is sufficient for maintenance activities. But if vegetation or fencing is present, that can impact on the ability of the Council to undertake the required activities, and a larger setback would be required.

Planting

Horizons noted that concerns with planting including restricting access (ie if planted on both sides), constraining machinery (if large or overhanging trees), and encroaching on the drain itself.

Genesis confirmed:

- planting on Drain 3 is only on the northern side of the drain and will consist of riparian species that will grow to a height of 2-3m (grasses, flaxes and shrubs). The planting layout can be arranged such that grass species are planted along the bank with larger species like toetoe planted further back.
- the boundary landscape planting circled in red below will need to be shifted back to provide for the 6m minimum clear space, but there are no issues in doing so.



Fencing

- Genesis confirmed that Drain 3 would be fenced along the southern edge - either retention of the existing fencing or a new 5-wire farm fence (ie not deer fencing).
- Horizons confirmed that the existing fencing is not an issue - as long as any replacement fencing is not higher and is located as close as practicable to the stream bank, it would be unlikely to cause issues. The 6m clear zone needs to be measured from the fence (rather than the edge of the stream).
- Suggest a minor change to proposed condition C8 to clarify that the 6m corridor is measured from the fence:

Condition C8: A 6m corridor along one side of 'Drain 3' as shown on Figure 8 in the AEE must remain free of solar farm infrastructure and planting to ensure access is maintained for ~~Horizons~~ Manawātū-Whanganui Regional Council's ongoing maintenance of this flood control and drainage scheme drain. If a fence is retained or constructed along the bank of the drain, the 6m corridor must be measured from the fenceline.

Access

- Genesis confirmed that the drain will remain accessible either via the secondary access off Motuiti Road (the current access point) or from the main site access off Wall Road. Access will need to be arranged with Genesis (or our contractors) to ensure compliance with health and safety requirements.
- Suggest a new access condition (mirroring conditions already proposed for Transpower access):
New condition: The consent holder shall ensure that access is maintained to Drain 3 for maintenance by the Manawātū-Whanganui Regional Council at all reasonable times.

Thanks again



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