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National Green Steel – EPA – Invitation to Comment on Draft Conditions – Minute 18

I refer to Minutes 17 and 18 of the National Green Steel expert consenting panel and the invitation to comment on draft conditions, received 26 February 2026. Please find attached a word version of the Waikato Regional Council's (WRC) comments on the draft conditions.

The following key issues are outlined here:

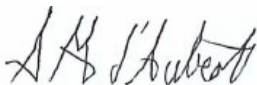
1. It is recommended that the conditions relating to the lapse period and duration are not consent conditions. WRC's resource consent certificates provide for these on the front page of a resource consent certificate so having these as consent conditions is a duplication as these matters are recorded elsewhere on the certificate.
2. Changes to the Wetland Management Plan are recommended for clarity and to ensure the condition is clear and monitorable.
3. WRC understand that riparian planting along the Waipapa Stream is part of the applicant's proposal therefore, this matter has been added to the Wetland Management Plan. It may be that the riparian aspect of the proposal is more appropriately accommodated as a separate condition.
4. Upon reflection of the activities to be authorised, WRC concurs with the Panel's decision to remove conditions relating to the deposition of material.
5. WRC has taken into account the Expert Panels' technical experts' comments on the draft conditions and have made some suggested changes and additional conditions to aid in the gathering of data and enable clarity when undertaking the monitoring of the conditions.

6. In the attached document WRC has suggested that the Panel either require a double lining of the monofill upon the grant of the consents or provide for WRC's suggested changes to enable a clearer assessment of whether a single liner can be installed.
7. In Minute 17 the Panel has requested WRC include a set of consent conditions associated with the surface water take. The applicant has since provided WRC with sufficient information relating to the surface water take from the proposed on-site stormwater ponds, so WRC is now in a position to suggest conditions addressing the surface water take which can be found at the end of the attached document.
8. In Minute 17 the Panel has requested WRC's view on the proposed new conditions 19, 20 and 21 of the earthworks consent. Suggested changes and additional conditions are set out in the attached document.
9. Additionally minor additions and/or amendments are suggested to aid in the interpretation of conditions.
10. WRC notes that if the suggested new conditions are agreed that there are a number of consequential numbering changes to the conditions. Also there are a few conditions within the draft that start the subsequent list of matters at c) or d) rather than a).

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the draft conditions relating to the granting of the application. We look forward to receiving a copy of the substantive decision in due course.

Should you require any further information with regard to the above, please contact [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] in the first instance via email [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Kind regards



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