

## MEMO

**To:** Jennifer Caldwell (Panel Convenor) and the Expert Panel on the Arataki Project

**From:** Brandon Baillie (Senior Planner Hawke's Bay Regional Council)

**Date:** 3 December 2025

**Subject:** **MINUTE 4 OF THE EXPERT PANEL**  
**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – STORMWATER BASIN AND CONDITIONS**  
**ARATAKI [FTAA-2506-1083]**

**File Ref:** APP-131332

This memorandum has been prepared by Hawke's Bay Regional Council (**HBRC**) to assist the Expert Panel for the Fast-Track application being **Arataki, referenced by the EPA as FTAA-2506-1083**. Minute 4 of the Expert Panel requests information of HBRC in relation to the stormwater basin and updated conditions. Item 2 specifically asks whether HBRC is satisfied with an unlined design of the stormwater basin. Item 7 asks HBRC to confirm that the changes made by the Applicant to the conditions Suite (Version 2, dated 20 November 2025) are acceptable and address any earlier concerns identified by HBRC.

This memorandum provides comment on whether HBRC is satisfied with an unlined stormwater basin and whether the changes made by the applicant to the condition Suite (Version 2, dated 20 November 2025) are acceptable and address any earlier concerns identified.

### **1. RFI Item 2 – Unlined Stormwater Basin**

To date, HBRC's input has been based on the understanding that the stormwater basin would be lined prior to construction. It was recently confirmed by the applicant in their response to Minute 4 of the Expert Panel (3 December 2025) that the dry basin would be lined. Therefore, with this clarification, HBRC has no further comments on item 2 of Minute 4 in relation to an unlined pond. HBRC is satisfied with the dry basin being lined to:

### **2. RFI Item 7 – Conditions Suite (Version 2, dated 20 November 2025)**

HBRC suggests the inclusion of an additional item in Condition 137, being (g) below, to make the requirement to line the dry basin clear:

*Detailed Design Plans At least 20 working days prior to commencement of any of the construction works authorised by DIS-XXX, the Consent Holder shall submit detailed stormwater infrastructure design plans and documentation prepared by a suitably qualified person to the HBRC (Manager Compliance) for certification for each stage (or combination of stages). The plans shall: ...*

- (g) *Details of the method of impermeable lining to be implemented for the Dry Basin, in general accordance with the recommendations of the approved Geotechnical Investigation Report (GIR) prepared by CMW Geosciences and referenced in Schedule 1.*

The other amendments to conditions recommended by HBRC through the comments (made pursuant to s53 of the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 dated 12 November 2025) have been included appropriately to address those issues raised.

### **3. Conclusion**

The Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) based its input and assessment of the Arataki Project's stormwater basin on the understanding that the dry basin would be lined, and the lining of the dry basin has recently been confirmed by the applicant. HBRC confirms that the updated conditions suite (Version 2) is acceptable, and for clarity and to ensure an impermeable lining system is installed or constructed appropriately, suggests a condition be amended to require the basin to be lined in accordance with the recommendations of the approved geotechnical report.

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