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Dear Tracy

### Further information request under section 92(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991

Thank you for meeting with the consent processing officers and Jack McConchie and Matt Balkham from Opus on 22 May 2018 regarding their draft review of the resource consent application for the Western Rivers. Mr McConchie and Mr Balkham have now completed their review. Their final review memo is attached. As a result of this review we have some further questions on the application to better understand the proposal and the effects on the environment. These questions are outlined below.

#### Information requested

- Please outline the overall philosophy and objectives/outcomes/success measures the applicant is trying to achieve through the proposed flood protection works. Please also explain where in the documentation this information will sit. It is our expectation that this will provide a framework that can be used to assess monitoring results against and inform the adaptive management process.*
- Please provide an assessment of how the proposed monitoring will be used to assess whether the objectives/outcomes/success measures (required above in Question 1) are being achieved and how this will feed into the adaptive management process (e.g. changes to the Code of Practice). For example, it would be useful to see a table with each of the monitoring proposed and an assessment of how the monitoring will be used to assess whether one or more of your success factors has been achieved, whether any of the proposed monitoring doesn't relate to any specific success factor(s) and whether there are any success factors for which monitoring is not proposed to be able to undertake an assessment.*
- The application does not include measures or limits to manage the cumulative effects of work (i.e. there are no proposed limits on the number and/or length of works). Please comment on whether cumulative effects could be managed by including a trigger for a Site Specific Environmental Management Plan once a threshold(s) has been reached and what this trigger could be.*
- Please provide details on the process for developing and reviewing Flood Plain Management Plans (FMP).*



5. *Given the FMP's underpin the works to be done under this consent application and their apparent rigidity, please comment on whether there is scope to consider RMA/environmental outcomes through the process for developing and reviewing FMPs. e.g. a consent condition requiring consideration of environmental outcomes through the FMP review process.*
6. *Please provide detail of your process for the design and review of measures/structures to be constructed under this consent, i.e. is the design of all flood protection measures and structures peer reviewed internally/externally prior to being implemented?*
7. *Please provide details of the process that the person who implements works under this consent goes through when they decide what measure and methods within the code are to be implemented at a particular location.*

### **Date information required**

Please provide the above information to me by **22 August 2018**. If you are not able to supply the information requested<sup>1</sup> by this date, you must let us know in writing within this timeframe, either that you require additional time (at which time we will set a reasonable timeframe for you to provide the information) or that you refuse to provide the requested information.

### **Processing of your application**

Your application is currently on hold under s92(1) of the RMA for this request (and others) for further information.

### **Charging policy review**

The Resource Management Charging Policy is reviewed on an annual basis. As a result of this process the charges associated with processing your consent may alter – you will be informed if this is the case.

Yours sincerely

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<sup>1</sup> Under section 92A of the Resource Management Act 1991.