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Re: RM20.164 Kingston Wastewater Discharge Consent

Dear Louise,

The Kingston Community Association (KCA) no longer wishes to be heard. KCA would however like this letter and the attached minutes to be tabled at the hearing and considered in the decision-making process.

The KCA after meeting with QLDC is more comfortable with the proposed system. We understand there is a low likelihood it will have impacts on the receiving environment of more than minor compared to the current condition. If it does there are mitigating measures that can be applied, already outlined in QLDC submission.

We do however still have three concerns; we understand these maybe outside of the scope due to the current regulations but would still like to express them to the commissioner.

1. The impact on the environment during the time between LTA possibly performing outside of consent conditions and mitigating measures brought online. Winter is of particular concern.
2. It appears from community monitoring, monitoring for this consent and previous QLDC monitoring the creeks and lake shore in Kingston have elevated levels of E.coli and Nitrates. QLDC explained that under the current RMA the consent application only needs to demonstrate it is not having impacts on the receiving environment of more than minor. The community however from a moral standpoint find it unacceptable that QLDC and ORC as part of this consent or by other means have not proposed to address the condition of the existing receiving environment. We acknowledge in the long term the LTA will help by connecting the exiting township, but there is no clear time frame for this and based on current information is, at the earliest, 10 years away. Therefore, we ask the commissioner if possible as part of this process to include conditions requiring the improvement of the existing receiving environment immediately.
3. QLDC have offered up condition (11) which allows for, based on a nitrogen mass balance of 1,050 kg N/yr, approximately 400 lots on the new subdivision to be built before the existing township is connected. We ask this be reduced to equate for 217 lots, for two reasons shown below. 217 is number of lots currently consented by QLDC for Stage 1 of the new subdivision development.
 - I. Create a greater safety barrier from the worst-case scenario D shown on Table 7 of the ORC Notification Recommendation Report, page 19. This will reduce the likelihood of point 1 mentioned above occurring.
 - II. Places greater impetus on QLDC to include wastewater reticulation of Kingston in its next 10 year plan.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Osborne', is centered below the closing. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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