

File: RM25.177

19 June 2025

Via email to: simon.mason@qldc.govt.nz

Dear Sir

Request for further information under section 92(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act) – Consent Application Number RM25.177.01, RM25.177.02, RM25.177.03

Thank you for your application to divert water, disturb the bed of the Shotover River/Kimiākau and to discharge remobilised bed sediment for the purpose of maintaining a continuous flowing diversion channel past the discharge point from the Shotover Wastewater Treatment Plant into the into the Shotover River/Kimiākau.

An initial assessment of your application has been made by myself, Mr Phil Shaw (avifauna) and Mr Jason Smith (aquatic ecology), who are providing a technical audit of the application. To be able to make a full assessment of the application, I request the following information under section 92(1) of the Resource Management Act (the Act).

Description of the proposed activity

- (1) The Application document does not specify a maximum flow rate intended to be diverted within the Shotover River/Kimiākau. It is understood from the Surface Water and Groundwater Assessment, dated 30 April 2025 prepared by GHD and submitted in support of RM25.206 that is intended to direct up to 2m³/s of water past the discharge point. A diversion of this scale represents approximately 11% of the Mean Annual Low Flow (MALF) of the Shotover River/Kimiākau.
 - a. Please confirm what the design flow rate is anticipated as a result of the diversion and the likely maximum flow rate.

Effects on the environment as a result of the diversion within the Shotover River/Kimiākau

- (2) The Application proposes a year-round diversion of an unspecified flow rate. The Surface Water and Groundwater Assessment, dated 30 April 2025 prepared by GHD and submitted in support of RM25.206 highlights that while the plant upgrade is expected to significantly reduce the visible influence of the discharge, the pooling of treated wastewater adjacent to the riverbank under very low flow conditions is proposed to be reduced by the proposed diversion. Based on the maximum flow rate proposed in response to Question (1) please provide an assessment of:

- a. Effects on hydrology, morphology and erosion of the bed and bank arising from the proposed diversion of water at the maximum flow rate, including an assessment of effects on the Council's Training Line.
- b. Effects on aquatic ecosystem particularly habitat availability within the extent of the Shotover River (anticipated to be between 200 and 300 metres) that will have less flow under low flow and very low flow conditions as a result of the proposed diversion at the maximum flow rate.
- c. Effects on Schedule 1A and 1AA values as a result of the proposed diversion at the maximum flow rate.
- d. Effects on natural character and amenity values as a result of the proposed diversion at the maximum flow rate.
- e. Effects on cultural values as a result of the proposed diversion at the maximum flow rate.

Objective and policy assessment

(3) An assessment of the relevant objectives and policies to the proposal as a whole is contained in Section 6 of the Application document. The following additional information is requested:

- a. The assessment of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPSFM) appears to only relate to the bed disturbance works. Please provide an updated assessment of the NPSFM 2020 based on the updated assessments requested under Question (2).
- b. Please provide an updated assessment of any additional assessments in Section 6 on the basis of the updated assessment requested under Question (2).

Your application will be placed on hold under section 88C of the Act until the requested information has been received. Unless I hear otherwise from you, I will continue to do some minor work on your application so that we can progress it once the application comes 'off hold'.

In accordance with section 92A of the Act, please respond within 15 working days from the date of this letter (**11 July 2025**) with one of the following:

1. The information requested above; or
2. Written advice that you agree to provide the information, and the date by which you intend to provide it; or
3. Written advice that you refuse to provide the requested information.

The Act requires Council to publicly notify your application if you do not provide the requested information before the due date (or an agreed alternative date), or if you refuse to provide the information. It is, therefore, important that you contact us promptly to discuss an alternative timeframe if you are unable to provide the information by the due date.

If the information you provide raises more questions, your application will remain on hold until sufficient information has been provided to enable processing to continue.

If you have any further queries, please contact me on 027 3352300.



Information on the current processing costs for your application is included in the email relating to this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hannah Goslin".

Hannah Goslin
Consents Processing Planner

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