

RM26.297

8 September 2026

Via email to: Simon Mason (simon.mason@qldc.govt.nz) Claire Perkins (claire@landpro.co.nz)

Dear Simon

Request for further information under section 92(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act) – Consent Application Number RM26.297

Thank you for your application to:

- discharge treated wastewater to the Kawarau River from the Shotover Wastewater Treatment Plant;
- discharge odour to air from the Shotover Wastewater Treatment Plant;
- disturb the bed of the Kawarau River and to place and maintain an outfall structure and/or pipe in the bed of the Kawarau River;
- discharge sediment-laden water associated with the construction and maintenance of the outfall and/or pipe to the Kawarau River; and
- to take and use groundwater for construction-phase dewatering.

An initial assessment of your application has now been made by the following experts that are providing a technical audit of the application:

- Mr Peter Cressy, PHF Science; and
- Mr Nick Dempsey, Mott Macdonald.

These are the final technical audits that we have obtained for this first stage of the project. Mr Dempsey's advice is provided at this stage for your information. We are awaiting further advice from Mr Dempsey in relation to section 92(1) queries on the process engineering aspects of the proposal, which we will provide to you once it is available.

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). This is supplementary to the requests for information dated 10 August 2026 and 21 August 2026.

Public Health effects

An independent review of Section 7 of Appendix A¹ has been undertaken by Mr Cressey on behalf of the ORC. Based on the findings of Mr Cressey, the following additional information is requested to ensure the ORC understand the public health effects of the proposed discharge:

¹ GHD (2026), *Surface Water and Groundwater Assessment*. Appendix A to the Application dated 29 May 2026

1. As stated in Section 7.8 of Appendix A, we understand that QLDC propose to conduct a location and discharge specific Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment (QMRA) to refine the estimates of risk to recreational users of the Kawarau River. The QMRA will also take into consideration any refinements to the discharge structure that enhance dilution. Please provide the revised QMRA or provide the:
 - a. Proposed scope and methodology of the refined QMRA;
 - b. Timing of the proposed microbial monitoring and completion of the refined QMRA, including when the revised assessment is expected to be provided;
 - c. Locations, frequency and duration of the proposed microbial monitoring; and
 - d. Microbial parameters and pathogens proposed to be monitored and assessed.
2. Please ensure that the revised QMRA proposal addresses whether the proposed methodology is appropriate for assessing the public health risks associated with the proposed discharge of treated wastewater to the Kawarau River.

Objective and policy assessment

A comprehensive assessment of the objectives and policies relevant to the proposal is contained in Section 7 of the Application.

3. If any of the information provided in response to the matters identified in this letter mean that objective and policy assessments provided are no longer relevant, please provide updated assessments.

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 (**8 September 2026**) 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.

Incomplete Application

Under Section 92AA the Council may determine your application is incomplete if after 3 months of the close of the 15 working day period you have not responded to this request. If determined to be incomplete your application will be returned to you. If you relodge your application it will be treated as a new application.

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 (03) 474 0827 or 0800 474 082.

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

Yours sincerely



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