

Bay of Plenty Regional Council
PO Box 364
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Attention: Jo Cranswick

Dear Jo,

Creswell NZ Limited: Otakiri Springs Water Bottling Plant Expansion Resource Consent Application

Please find enclosed the resource consent application made on behalf of Creswell NZ Limited for the expansion of the existing Otakiri Springs water bottling plant at 57 Johnson Road, Otakiri. This application seeks the following resource consents from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council:

- Water permit to take groundwater for the commercial bottling of water under Rule 43 of the Regional Water and Land Plan (RWLP) and Rule 16.8.5(f) of the Tarawera River Catchment Plan (TRCP), as a discretionary activity
- Land use consent to undertake earthworks associated with the expansion of a water bottling plant under Rule 1C of the RWLP, as a discretionary activity
- Discharge permit to discharge stormwater and treated process wastewater to water under Rule 37 of the RWLP and Rule 15.8.4(m)(b) of the TRCP, as a discretionary activity; and
- Discharge permit to discharge treated sanitary wastewater to land under Rule 14 of the On-site Effluent Treatment Regional Plan

Please note section 9 of the Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE), which contains an analysis of the application against the notification provisions in sections 95-95E of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), and our assessment that the application should be processed on a non-notified basis. One matter not discussed in detail in that analysis (or in the AEE more generally) is the recent negative publicity regarding various proposals around New Zealand to bottle and export water, and concerns raised about the lack of a royalty payment regime for such proposals and other commercial uses of water. As the Council will appreciate, that is because those matters are not relevant to the consideration of the application under the RMA and must not be taken into account in the Council's notification decision.

Enclosed is a cheque for the non-notified application deposit fee of \$774.00.

As we have undertaken pre-application consultation with you over the past six months we request that you are the processing officer for this application.

Before Council makes a formal notification decision on this application we would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss Council's notification assessment and whether there is an opportunity for us to address any relevant matters with the provision of further information.

Please feel free to contact me on 07 925 2507 or 027 839 5529 or by email to malory.osmond@beca.com if you have any questions about this application.

Yours sincerely



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Encl:

1x hardcopy and 1x electronic copy of the application

1x cheque