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Tēnā koe Marlene

**Submitter Written Statement on Application Number RM16-0204, Western Bay of Plenty District Council**

Further to our submission on 19 December 2018.

Thank you for providing the Hearing Agenda. I wish to reiterate our support for the proposal to discharge treated wastewater to land where it may enter the Waiari stream and to discharge odour from the plant.

The key role of Toi Te Ora Public Health is to safeguard public health by preventing ill health and improving population health and minimising the risk of disease. Many of the influences that determine population health and wellbeing are not healthcare factors, but environmental, social, cultural and political. It is with this perspective that Toi Te Ora Public Health has reviewed the Hearing Agenda and considers the proposal in conjunction with the proposed conditions of consent suitable to protect the environment and human health.

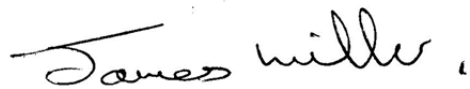
In particular we support the conditions that manage the discharge quality limits, notification of non-compliance to the Medical Officer of Health, and controls, monitoring, site and odour management plans, signage, the term of consent of 35 years and the proposal to investigate alternative discharge methods.

We seek the commissioners and applicant agreement to be given the opportunity to provide technical advice to the group discussed in condition 16.1. To provide the public health perspective on potential options will promote only the best options for the protection of human health to be considered from the outset.

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I do not intend to be present at the pending hearing, however we are willing and will be available for any points of clarification the commissioners or applicant may require.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

**Dr Jim Miller**  
Medical Officer of Health