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Thank you, David – much appreciated.

Kind regards,

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Kia ora Akash

Now that the Minister has decided to call in the application, the process is being led by the Environmental Protection Authority. They are liaising with the Environment Court on this matter now, so I suggest you direct your questions to them. Here is a link to their website which has information on the process including an email address to contact them on:

<https://www.epa.govt.nz/public-consultations/in-progress/waimate-waste-to-energy-plant/>

Kā mihi
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Hi David,

I am working alongside Emma (copied in this email) for OIO’s national interest assessment on South Island Resource Recovery Limited (**SIRRL**). Firstly, thank you for advising that Minister Parker has now called in the resource management applications for SIRRL. Considering this, we had some questions in relation to the resource management application/environment court process (**RMA/EC Process**) specifically on how such a process is undertaken, and what elements/sectors are considered.

Any insights you could provide might help steer our national interest (and substantive consent)

assessments and provide us with an understanding of areas that will be covered by subject matter experts through the RMA/EC Process e.g. environmental implications etc. LINZ's national interest assessments are designed to only assess risks which are **not** covered by regulatory or other measures (such as the RMA process).

Based on this, can you please provide some insights into the below information gaps:

1. Which agency is undertaking any required assessments for the RMA/EC Process?
2. We understand the public are able to make submissions on the RMA/EC Process - generally how long a timeframe is available to them to submit? Is there more than one opportunity during the process to do so?
3. Is SIRRL's submission of an OIO consent application something that is considered during the RMA/EC Process?
4. What are the indicative timeframes for a decision from the Environment Court?
5. Does the scope of the environment court process include any national security and/or wider national interest considerations?
6. We understand there is an eighth resource management application in relation to the taking of groundwater. This was previously listed as 'pending' on the Environment Canterbury website. Is the pending application also subject to Minister Parker's call-in decision (given it is intrinsically linked to the SIRRL project and the 7 other resource management applications)?

We would also be keen to discuss the following questions. However, I acknowledge that these might be lengthy / complex to articulate over an email, so happy to organise a catchup / Teams call if it's easier:

1. The defined roles of MfE and EPA within the resource management application process. Does one entity take the lead-if so which one?
2. The areas / topics that are covered within this assessment.

I am aware it could be difficult to provide a concrete answer to some of the above questions but appreciate any assistance you can provide.

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