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Tēnā koe Penny,

PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF BARKER'S FRUIT PROCESSORS LIMITED SITE AT 72 SHAW ROAD, GERALDINE

Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua (Arowhenua) and Aoraki Environmental Consultancy Limited (AECL) thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the technical reports for stormwater and surface design and management and dewatering management associated with the Barker's Fruit Processors Limited (Barker's) industrial expansion at 72 Shaw Road, Pleasant Valley, Geraldine. Arowhenua and AECL appreciate the ability to provide further technical feedback on the proposed development of the site following the initial response outlining the cultural significance of the site and the adjoining Hae Hae Te Moana River dated 27 November 2023.

AECL have reviewed on behalf of Arowhenua, the following documents:

- Barkers Factory – Stormwater Management Plan (job 20914 dated 16/01/2024),
- Stormwater to Surface and Groundwater Assessment of Environmental Effects (job 44415 dated 01/03/2024),
- Dewatering Assessment (letter prepared by Davie Lovell Smith dated 20/12/2023), and
- Statement for Resource Consent (prepared by William Pridham dated 06/02/2024).

As set out in the initial feedback, the Barker's Fruit Processors Limited site adjoins the Hae Hae Te Moana River, which has been identified as a Site and Area of Significance to Māori (SASM) under the proposed Timaru District Plan. The proposed Timaru District Plan has identified the awa as wai taoka (SASM-20), which means treasured water. Taoka/Taonga means treasure and is applied to something that is highly prized and considered to be of value, including culturally or socially valuable objectives, resources, phenomenon, ideas and techniques. Not all rivers carry this level of significance. In addition to the SASM classification, the Hae Hae Te Moana River is identified as a Rūnanga Sensitive Area, and the subject site contains a Black Maps notation.

Having reviewed the surface and ground stormwater management plan and dewatering assessment, Arowhenua are delighted to see that the recommendations put forward in the initial feedback of 27 November 2023 have been taken on board and incorporated into the design of the Barkers Factory expansion. Arowhenua appreciate the efforts Barker's have made to ensure the rural landscape and adjoining Hae Hae Te Moana River are protected through collecting clean roof water for firefighting purposes and then treating water from hardstand areas through sumps, swales, first flush basins before being discharged into a man-made wetland.

Wetlands once covered much of South Canterbury, and they provided important habitats for fish, birds, plants and insects (mahika kai). The creation of a wetland on site will improve water quality and reduce flood risks to neighbouring properties but also store large amounts of carbon whilst also providing a unique habitat for indigenous plants, birds, and insects. It is also hoped that over time, tuna (eel) and other fish

species may flourish in the area. Arowhenua would like to extend an invitation to Barker's to contact Arowhenua Marae who have established a native plant nursery whereby seeds from native plants found in the local area are harvested and propagated. The plants are then used to restore ancestral walkways and wetlands around Timaru, Geraldine, Temuka and Ashburton. Utilising seeds from locally sourced plants increases survival rates, which is financially beneficial to companies in the long term.

I trust the matters raised above will assist Davis Ogilvie and Barker's with the redevelopment of the 72 Shaw Road.

AECL are happy for you to attach this letter (and original letter) to your resource consent application to demonstrate to Council that early consultation with Arowhenua and AECL has been undertaken.

Please contact the writer if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi,



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