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## Executive summary

Todd Petroleum Mining Company Ltd (Todd Petroleum) operates the Kapuni Production Station located on Palmer Road in the Kapuni catchment.

This report for the period July 2022 to June 2023 describes the monitoring programme implemented by the Taranaki Regional Council (the Council) to assess the Company's environmental and consent compliance performance during the period under review. The report also details the results of the monitoring undertaken and assesses the environmental effects of the Todd Petroleum's activities.

**During the monitoring period, Todd Petroleum Ltd demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and high level of administrative performance.**

Todd Petroleum holds four resource consents for the production station, which includes a total of 36 conditions setting out the requirements that Todd Petroleum had to satisfy. Todd Petroleum holds one consent to discharge stormwater into the Kapuni stream, one consent to discharge emissions into the air, and two consents relating to structures in the Kapuni Stream. Todd Petroleum also hold a further 33 resource consents covering production activities at wellsites associated with the Kapuni Production Station.

The Council's monitoring programme for the year under review included four inspections, six water samples collected for physicochemical analysis, one biomonitoring survey of receiving waters, and one ambient air quality analysis.

Receiving water inspections, in conjunction with sampling conducted by both the Council and Todd Petroleum during the 2022-2023 period, showed that the site discharges were not causing any adverse effects in the Kapuni Stream. This was supported by the findings of the macroinvertebrate survey.

There were no adverse effects on the environment resulting from the exercise of the air discharge consents. Ambient air quality monitoring at the Kapuni Production Station showed that levels of nitrogen oxides were below levels of concern at the time of sampling. No offensive or objectionable odours were detected beyond the boundary during inspections and there were no complaints in relation to air emissions from the site.

For reference, in the 2022-2023 year, consent holders were found to achieve a high level of environment performance and compliance for 878 (87%) of a total of 1007 consents monitored through the Taranaki tailored monitoring programmes, while for another 96 (10%) of the consents a good level of environmental performance and compliance was achieved. A further 27 (3%) of consents monitored required improvement in their performance, while the remaining one (<1%) achieved a rating of poor.

In terms of overall environmental and compliance performance by the consent holder over the last several years, this report shows that the consent holder's performance remains at a high level.

This report includes recommendations for the 2023-2024 year.



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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Compliance monitoring programme reports and the Resource Management Act 1991

### 1.1.1 Introduction

This report is for the period July 2022 to June 2023 by the Taranaki Regional Council (the Council) on the monitoring programme associated with resource consents held by Todd Petroleum Mining Company Ltd (Todd Petroleum). Todd Petroleum operates the Kapuni Production Station situated on Palmer Road, Kapuni, together with its associated wellsites.

The report includes the results and findings of the monitoring programme implemented by the Council in respect of the consents held by the Company that relate to discharges of water within the Kapuni catchment, structures in the Kapuni Stream, and emissions to air from the production station site. This report discusses the environmental effects of Todd Petroleum's use of water, land and air, and is the 32<sup>nd</sup> combined annual report by the Council for the Kapuni Production Station.

### 1.1.2 Structure of this report

**Section 1** of this report is a background section. It sets out general information about:

- consent compliance monitoring under the *Resource Management Act 1991* (RMA) and the Council's obligations;
- the Council's approach to monitoring sites through annual programmes;
- the resource consents held by Todd Petroleum in the Kapuni catchment;
- the nature of the monitoring programme in place for the period under review; and
- a description of the activities and operations conducted at the Kapuni Production Station.

**Section 2** presents the results of monitoring during the period under review, including scientific and technical data.

**Section 3** discusses the results, their interpretations, and their significance for the environment.

**Section 4** presents recommendations to be implemented in the 2023-2024 monitoring year.

A glossary of common abbreviations and scientific terms, and a bibliography, are presented at the end of the report.

### 1.1.3 The Resource Management Act 1991 and monitoring

The RMA primarily addresses environmental 'effects' which are defined as positive or adverse, temporary or permanent, past, present or future, or cumulative. Effects may arise in relation to:

- a. the neighbourhood or the wider community around an activity, and may include cultural and social-economic effects;
- b. physical effects on the locality, including landscape, amenity and visual effects;
- c. ecosystems, including effects on plants, animals, or habitats, whether aquatic or terrestrial;
- d. natural and physical resources having special significance (for example recreational, cultural, or aesthetic); and
- e. risks to the neighbourhood or environment.

In drafting and reviewing conditions on discharge permits, and in implementing monitoring programmes, the Council is recognising the comprehensive meaning of 'effects' in as much as is appropriate for each activity. Monitoring programmes are not only based on existing permit conditions, but also on the obligations of the RMA to assess the effects of the exercise of consents. In accordance with Section 35 of the RMA, the Council undertakes compliance monitoring for consents and rules in regional plans, and maintains an overview of the performance of resource users and consent holders. Compliance monitoring, including both activity and impact monitoring, enables the Council to continually re-evaluate its approach and that of consent holders to resource management and, ultimately, through the refinement of methods and considered responsible resource utilisation, to move closer to achieving sustainable development of the region's resources.

#### 1.1.4 Evaluation of environmental performance

Besides discussing the various details of the performance and extent of compliance by the consent holders, this report also assigns a rating as to each Company's environmental and administrative performance during the period under review. The rating categories are high, good, improvement required and poor for both environmental and administrative performance. The interpretations for these ratings are found in Appendix II.

For reference, in the 2022-2023 year, consent holders were found to achieve a high level of environment performance and compliance for 878 (87%) of a total of 1007 consents monitored through the Taranaki tailored monitoring programmes, while for another 96 (10%) of the consents a good level of environmental performance and compliance was achieved. A further 27 (3%) of consents monitored required improvement in their performance, while the remaining one (<1%) achieved a rating of poor.<sup>1</sup>

## 1.2 Process description

The Kapuni Production Station is located approximately in the middle of the Kapuni gas field, and adjacent to the Kapuni Gas Treatment Plant (KGTP). Exploration of the Kapuni Field began in 1959, and production began at Kapuni in 1969.

The function of the Kapuni Production Station is to gather the gas and condensate from the wellsites. The gas is delivered to KGTP for processing. The condensate gathered at the production station is treated and stabilised for storage and export to the Paritutu Tank Farm.

Three flares operate continuous pilots, which burn as yellow flames and are visible at night. The Kapuni Stream separates two of the flares from the remainder of the Kapuni Production Station site. The flares are linked to the main site by high and low pressure piping systems carried on a single span girder bridge with vehicular access via a ford through the Kapuni Stream. The flares are surrounded by farmland and the nearest dwelling is more than 300 m from the flare stacks. The other flare is located in the north eastern corner of the site.

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<sup>1</sup> The Council has used these compliance grading criteria for more than 19 years. They align closely with the 4 compliance grades in the MfE Best Practice Guidelines for Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement, 2018



Photo 1 Kapuni Production Station

### 1.3 Resource consents

Todd Petroleum holds four resource consents the details of which are summarised in the table below. Summaries of the conditions attached to each permit are set out in Section 3 of this report.

A summary of the various consent types issued by the Council is included in Appendix I, as are copies of all permits held by the Company during the period under review.

Table 1 Resource consents relating to the Kapuni Production Station

Consent number	Purpose	Granted	Review	Expires
<i>Water discharge permit</i>				
0633-3	To discharge treated stormwater from the Kapuni Production Station into the Kapuni Stream.	August 2011	-	June 2029
<i>Air discharge permit</i>				
4054-6.1	To discharge emissions into the air from combustion involving flaring of petroleum products and miscellaneous emissions incidental to the treatment of gas at the Kapuni Production Station	November 2017	June 2029	June 2035
<i>Land use permits</i>				
5960-1	To erect, place, use and maintain a concrete ford on the bed of the Kapuni Stream for access purposes.	February 2002	-	June 2023
9555-1	To disturb the bed of the Kapuni Stream for the purpose of undertaking maintenance work on the fire water intake chamber	April 2013	-	June 2029

### 1.3.1 Associated wellsites

Todd Petroleum also holds consents for production activities at wellsites associated with the Kapuni Production Station and these are summarised in Table 2.

Table 2 Resource consents for production activities at the Kapuni wellsites

Wellsite	Consent	Purpose	Issue Date	Expiry
KA-1/7/19/20	6200-2	To discharge treated stormwater from hydrocarbon exploration and production operations at the KA-1/7/19/20 wellsite onto and into land	17/11/2017	2035
	6646-1	To take and use groundwater from a bore as a contingency backup supply for fire-fighting, well killing, workover and domestic purposes at the KA-1/7 wellsite	18/07/2005	2023
	6822-1	To discharge emissions into the air from well workovers and in emergency situations and miscellaneous emissions associated with production activities at the KA-1/7 wellsite	21/03/2006	2023
KA-2	0611-3	To take and use groundwater from a bore as a contingency backup supply for fire-fighting, well killing, workover and domestic purposes at the KA-2 wellsite	18/07/2005	2023
	3267-3	To discharge stormwater from the KA-2 wellsite into the Kapuni Stream	02/08/2011	2029
	6823-1	To discharge emissions into the air from well workovers and in emergency situations and miscellaneous emissions associated with production activities at the KA-2 wellsite	21/03/2006	2023
KA-3	0610-3	To take and use groundwater from a bore as a contingency backup supply for fire-fighting, well killing, workover and domestic purposes at the KA-3 wellsite	18/07/2005	2023
	3268-3	To discharge stormwater from the KA-3 wellsite into an unnamed tributary of the Inaha Stream	02/08/2011	2029
	6824-1	To discharge emissions into the air from well workovers and in emergency situations and miscellaneous emissions associated with production activities at the KA-3 wellsite	21/03/2006	2023
KA-4/14	2365-3	To discharge stormwater from the KA-4/14 wellsite into an unnamed tributary of the Waiokura Stream	02/08/2011	2029
	6645-1	To take and use groundwater from a bore as a contingency backup supply for fire-fighting, well killing, workover and domestic purposes at the KA-4/14 wellsite	18/07/2005	2023
	6825-1	To discharge emissions into the air from well workovers and in emergency situations and miscellaneous emissions associated with production activities at the KA-4/14 wellsite	21/03/2006	2023
KA-5/10	6199-2	To discharge treated stormwater from hydrocarbon exploration and production operations at the KA-5/10 wellsite onto and into land	17/11/2017	2035
	6826-1	To discharge emissions into the air from well workovers and in emergency situations and miscellaneous emissions associated with production activities at the KA-5/10 wellsite	21/03/2006	2023

Wellsite	Consent	Purpose	Issue Date	Expiry
KA-6/11/17	3266-3	To discharge stormwater from the KA-6/11/17 wellsite into an unnamed tributary of the Inaha Stream	02/08/2011	2029
KA-6/11/17	6827-1	To discharge emissions into the air from well workovers and in emergency situations and miscellaneous emissions associated with production activities at the KA-6/11 wellsite	21/03/2006	2023
	7114-1	To discharge liquids onto and into land from a purpose built, blow down pit at the KA-6/11 wellsite	19/06/2007	2023
KA-8/12/15/18	3265-3	To discharge stormwater from the KA-8/12/15/18 wellsite into an unnamed tributary of the Inaha Stream	02/08/2011	2029
	6828-1	To discharge emissions into the air from well workovers and in emergency situations and miscellaneous emissions associated with production activities at the KA-8/12/15 wellsite	21/03/2006	2023
	7113-1	To discharge liquids onto and into land from a purpose built, blow down pit at the KA-8/12/15 wellsite	19/06/2007	2023
KA-9	5871-2	To discharge treated stormwater from hydrocarbon exploration and production operations at the KA-9/16 wellsite onto and into land	17/11/2017	2035
	5872-2	To discharge contaminants to air from hydrocarbon exploration at the KA-9 wellsite, including combustion involving flaring or incineration of petroleum recovered from natural deposits, in association with well development or redevelopment and testing or enhancement of well production flows	22/11/2017	
	5874-2	To use a pipeline bridge over the Kapuni Stream	16/11/2017	
	10383-1	To discharge emissions to air associated with hydrocarbon producing wells at the KA-9 wellsite	22/11/2017	
KA-13	1105-3	To discharge stormwater from the KA-13 wellsite into the Kapuni Stream	02/08/2011	2029
	6829-1	To discharge emissions into the air from well workovers and in emergency situations and miscellaneous emissions associated with production activities at the KA-13 wellsite	21/03/2006	2023
	7005-1	To discharge liquids onto and into land from a purpose built, blow down pit at the KA-13 wellsite	24/11/2006	2023
Kapuni-J	10733-1	To discharge emissions to air resulting from hydrocarbon producing activities at the Kapuni-J wellsite	22/11/2019	2035
	10734-1	To discharge treated stormwater from hydrocarbon exploration and production operations at the Kapuni-J wellsite onto land and into an unnamed tributary of the Inaha Stream		
Various	6647-1	To take and use water from the Kapuni Stream for fire-fighting, well killing and well workover purposes for emergency backup supply at various wellsites	27/09/2005	2023
	9595-1	To undertake excavations that will intercept groundwater at the Kapuni wellsites	16/07/2013	2029

Wellsite	Consent	Purpose	Issue Date	Expiry
	9596-1	To take water from excavations at the Kapuni wellsites		
	9622-1	To discharge treated water containing contaminants from dewatering activities associated with excavations at the Kapuni wellsites, onto and into land and into water		

## 1.4 Monitoring programme

### 1.4.1 Introduction

Section 35 of the RMA sets obligations upon the Council to gather information, monitor and conduct research on the exercise of resource consents within the Taranaki region. The Council is also required to assess the effects arising from the exercising of these consents and report upon them.

The Council may therefore make and record measurements of physical and chemical parameters, take samples for analysis, carry out surveys and inspections, conduct investigations and seek information from consent holders.

The monitoring programme for the Kapuni Production Station consisted of four primary components.

### 1.4.2 Programme liaison and management

There is generally a significant investment of time and resources by the Council in:

- ongoing liaison with resource consent holders over consent conditions and their interpretation and application;
- discussion over monitoring requirements;
- preparation for any consent reviews, renewals or new consent applications;
- advice on the Council's environmental management strategies and content of regional plans; and
- consultation on associated matters.

### 1.4.3 Site inspections

The Kapuni Production Station was visited four times during the monitoring period, along with an annual inspection of wellsites associated with the production station. With regard to consents for the discharge to water, the main points of interest were plant processes with potential or actual discharges to receiving watercourses, including contaminated stormwater and process wastewaters. Air inspections focused on plant processes with associated actual and potential emission sources and characteristics, including potential odour, dust, noxious or offensive emissions. Sources of data being collected by Todd Petroleum were identified and accessed, so that performance in respect of operation, internal monitoring, and supervision could be reviewed by the Council. The neighbourhood was surveyed for environmental effects.

### 1.4.4 Chemical sampling

The Council undertook sampling of both the discharges from the site and the water quality upstream and downstream of the discharge point and mixing zone.

The Kapuni Production Station discharge was sampled twice, and the samples analysed for chlorides, conductivity, hydrocarbons, pH, suspended solids and turbidity. The Kapuni Stream was sampled concurrently, and the samples analysed for the same constituents.

The Council undertook sampling of the ambient air quality outside the boundary of the site. Two nitrogen oxide measuring devices were deployed in the vicinity of the plant on one occasion during the year under review.

#### 1.4.5 Biomonitoring surveys

A biological survey was performed on one occasion in the Kapuni Stream to determine whether or not the discharge of stormwater from the Kapuni Production Station has had a detrimental effect upon the communities of the stream.

## 2 Results

### 2.1 Water

#### 2.1.1 Inspections

Four inspections were carried out at the Kapuni Production Station in the 2022-2023 period, along with an annual inspection of associated well sites. Inspections were undertaken on 28 July and 31 October 2022, and 8 March and 16 May 2023. Additional monitoring was undertaken during the monitoring period in relation to drilling at the Kapuni-J well site. This will be discussed in the annual drilling report.

##### 28 July 2022

Heavy persistent rain and strong winds have preceded the inspection. The stormwater system was working well, with all stormwater being collected and directed for treatment prior to discharge from site. The site was tidy and processes appeared to be well managed, with no spills or stains evident on the ground. Operationally good practices were being adhered to, with drip trays and chemical bunding in use. Hydrocarbon sheens were observed in the skimmer pits, however these were being collected and no effects were noted below the discharge point. Visually the stream looked the same downstream of the discharge point as it did upstream. Pilot flares were in operation at the time of inspection and these were clean burning with no smoke or odour noted on or off site.

An annual inspection of the well sites associated with Kapuni Production Station was carried out to check for compliance with resource consent conditions. Well sites inspected were KA-6/11/17, KA-3, KA-2, KA-13, KA-5/10, KA-9 and KA-8/12/15/18, KA-4/14, KA-1/7/19/20 and Kapuni-J well site.

In general, the sites were tidy and clean with minimal activity occurring. The sites were being maintained with weed spraying evident on some sites and in some places within the ring drains. Lawn mowing was also being used to control grass length and to keep the sites maintained. The majority of ring drains were vegetated with grasses that helped with controlling and treating sediment laden stormwater. Hydrocarbon sheens were not observed within the skimmer pits or in puddles on any of the sites. The skimmer pits were all in good order with goose neck pipes functioning as required. The majority of the discharges were onto land before flowing to surface water. Some pits were unlined and empty. No effects were noted in the grass (such as burnt patches or dead grass) or within the streams.

Flaring was not occurring at any of the sites at the time of the inspection and no visual effects were noted as a result of previous flaring on the sites. A work over was due to commence shortly at KA-6/11. The consent holder was asked to remove three cooking drums that had been left behind at the Kapuni-J rig camp. The site required scraping where oil had leaked. Site levels at KA-9 needed to be assessed to ensure all stormwater was captured and directed to the skimmer pit system without ponding.

##### 31 October 2022

Good bunding practices were observed, with bund valves shut. Drums were stored in the correct locations. No stains or recent spills were evident and the site appeared tidy and well maintained. The discharge from site was clear with no hydrocarbon sheen noted in the IPA separator. No effects were noted below the discharge point. Pilot flares were in operation with a clean burning flame with no odour or smoke detected on or off-site.

##### 8 March 2023

The site was shut in for maintenance and there was a lot of activity occurring in many different areas of the site. The API separator was free of hydrocarbons. A very low volume discharge was observed flowing into the Kapuni Stream, with no effects noted downstream. No flaring was noted at the time of the inspection.

In general good practices were observed onsite, however a couple of points were discussed with staff. A 200L drum containing oil had been placed beside a pump that was about to be worked on. Best practice would have been to place the drum into the bund surrounding the pump, rather than beside it. The area below and around where crude oil is loaded onto trucks had become untidy, with oil noted on the ground and roadway.

16 May 2023

The site was tidy and clean. Water in the API separator appeared cloudy but this was not affecting the discharge, which was clear, with no effects noted in the receiving waters. A pilot flare was noted with minor smoke observed for a short period. Due to the height and location of the flare stack no odour or adverse effects were noted.

## 2.1.2 Results of discharge monitoring

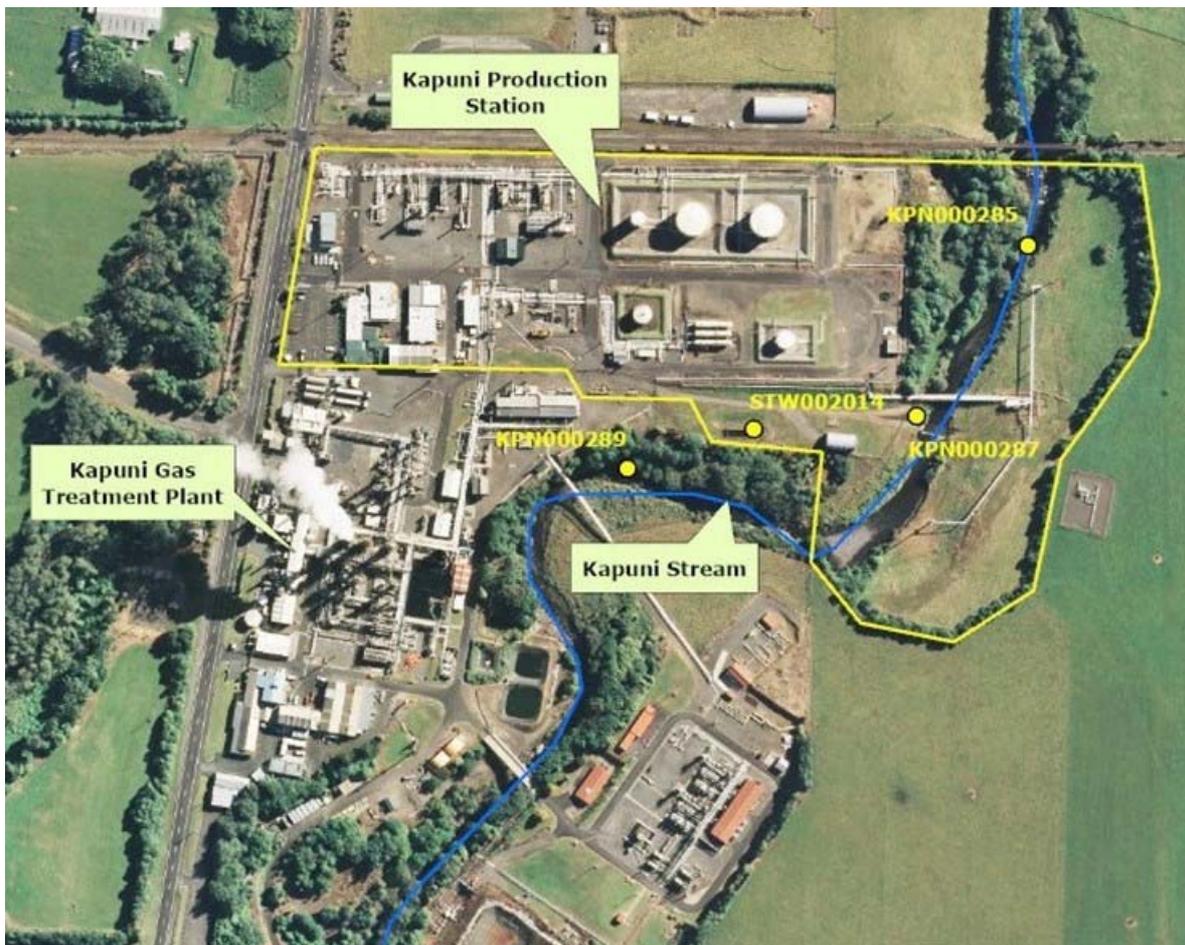


Figure 1 Kapuni Production Station and associated sampling sites

Stormwater at the Kapuni Production Station is treated using two oil-water separators. Stormwater captured beneath equipment and in banded areas around storage facilities is directed to the first separator for initial treatment. It is then treated in a second separator prior to discharge to the Kapuni Stream. Stormwater from other areas, such as roads, is directed to the second separator.

Chemical water quality sampling of the treated stormwater discharge from the production station was undertaken twice during the 2022-2023 period. Table 3 presents the results of this sampling. The location of the sampling site at the outlet of the second API separator (STW002014) is shown in Figure 1.

Table 3 Results of discharge monitoring at Kapuni Production Station (STW002014)

Parameter	Units	Date		Consent limits
		4 May 2023	27 June 2023	
Chloride	g/m <sup>3</sup>	1	9	50
Conductivity	mS/m	2.1	8.8	-
Hydrocarbons	g/m <sup>3</sup>	<0.7	<0.7	15
Suspended solids	g/m <sup>3</sup>	7	<6	100
pH		6.9	6.3	6.0 – 9.0
Temperature	°C	16.9	12.8	
Turbidity	FNU	2.4	2.9	-

The results show compliance with the conditions of consent 0633-3 at the time of sampling and are indicative of a very clean discharge.

### 2.1.3 Provision of consent holder data

Todd Petroleum provided the Council with the results for daily composite samples of the Kapuni Production Station stormwater discharge, sampled at the outfall from the final separator. The results are summarised in Table 4.

Table 4 Kapuni Production Station stormwater discharge results summary for 2022-2023

Month	Hydrocarbons (g/m <sup>3</sup> )		Suspended solids (g/m <sup>3</sup> )		pH		Chloride (g/m <sup>3</sup> )	
	Max	Average	Max	Average	Range	Average	Max	Average
<b>Consent limits</b>	15		100		6.0 – 9.0		50	
July 2022	11.6	<5.0	10	4	5.6 – 7.2	6.6	14	8
August 2022	11.8	<5.0	50	9	6.4 – 7.5	6.9	<b>122</b>	18
September 2022	8.4	<5.0	13	4	6.2 – 7.0	6.7	20	14
October 2022	8.0	<5.0	39	7	6.0 – 7.1	6.6	16	12
November 2022	7.5	<5.0	24	7	6.2 – 7.3	7.0	31	13
December 2022	7.9	<5.0	25	9	6.2 – 7.2	6.9	15	6
January 2023	9.4	<5.0	20	6.	6.7 – 7.3	7.0	19	14
February 2023	7.9	<5.0	<b>113</b>	14	6.0 – 7.4	6.9	<b>50</b>	20
March 2023	6.3	<5.0	15	4	6.3 – 7.3	6.9	21	12
April 2023	6.5	<5.0	9	5	6.4 – 7.2	6.7	20	12
May 2023	9.8	<5.0	27	6	6.5 – 7.6	6.9	17	10
June 2023	7.6	<5.0	40	6	6.6 – 7.1	6.9	16	12

The results show a consistently clean discharge. Maximum values for hydrocarbons were below the consent limit throughout the period under review. The pH was within the acceptable range in the majority of samples, with the exception of one day in July 2022 where pH was below 6.

Suspended solids exceeded the maximum limit of 100 g/m<sup>3</sup> on one day in February 2023 (113 g/m<sup>3</sup>).

Chloride was generally well below the consented limit of 50 g/m<sup>3</sup>, with the exception of a single day in August 2022 (122 g/m<sup>3</sup>), and one daily sample in February 2023 where it was equal to the limit. It is noted that consents granted more recently for the discharge of stormwater from production stations have an upper limit for chloride of 230 g/m<sup>3</sup>.

## 2.1.4 Results of receiving environment monitoring

### 2.1.4.1 Chemical

Table 5 Receiving environment results for Kapuni Stream

Parameter	Units	4 May 2023		27 June 2023		Consent 0633-3 conditions
		Upstream KPN000287	Downstream KPN000289	Upstream KPN000287	Downstream KPN000289	
Chloride	g/m <sup>3</sup>	4	4	10	11	-
Conductivity	g/m <sup>3</sup>	4.6	4.6	11.6	12.0	-
Hydrocarbons	g/m <sup>3</sup>	< 0.7	< 0.7	<0.7	<0.7	No conspicuous oil films or foams
Suspended solids	g/m <sup>3</sup>	177	168	<3	<3	No conspicuous change
pH		7.2	7.1	7.4	7.6	-
Temperature	°C	14.2	14.4	10.3	10.3	-
Turbidity	FNU	50	76	0.4	0.2	No conspicuous change

Chemical water quality sampling of the Kapuni Stream was undertaken in conjunction with discharge monitoring at points upstream (KPN000287) and downstream (KPN000289) of the discharge point. The results are shown in Table 5 and the sampling sites are shown in Figure 1.

There was negligible difference in receiving water quality upstream and downstream of the production station discharge. This indicates that the discharge was in compliance with consent conditions regarding receiving environment quality at the time of sampling.

### 2.1.4.2 Biomonitoring

The Council's standard 'kick-sampling' technique was used at two sites (Figure 2) on 3 March 2023 to collect streambed macroinvertebrates from the Kapuni Stream to assess whether stormwater discharges from the Kapuni Production Station had had any adverse effects on the macroinvertebrate communities of this stream. Samples were processed to provide number of taxa (richness), Macroinvertebrate Community Index (MCI) and Semi-quantitative Macroinvertebrate Community Index (SQMCI) scores for each site.

The MCI is a measure of the overall sensitivity of the macroinvertebrate community to the effects of nutrient pollution in streams. It is based on the presence/absence of taxa with varying degrees of sensitivity to pollution. The SQMCI accounts for taxa abundance as well as sensitivity to pollution, and may reveal more subtle changes in communities. Significant differences in either the MCI or the SQMCI between sites indicate the degree of adverse effects (if any) of the discharges being monitored and enable the overall health of the macroinvertebrate communities to be determined.

Taxa richness was moderate at both sites, with taxa richness being either equal to or slightly higher than that recorded in the previous survey. Both sites recorded a richness that was either equal to or lower than their respective site medians.

MCI scores of 122 units and 121 units were recorded at sites 2 and 2b respectively, categorising both sites as having 'very good' macroinvertebrate community health. Both results were similar to that recorded in the previous survey. Site 2 recorded a MCI score significantly higher than the site median, while the site 2b score was similar to that sites median.

SQMCI scores of 7.8 units and 6.4 units were recorded at sites 2 and 2b respectively, categorising site 2 as having 'excellent' macroinvertebrate community health, and site 2b as having 'very good' health. Site 2 recorded a SQMCI score significantly higher than both the site median and site 2b, indicating a decrease in health in a downstream direction. However, site 2b did not differ significantly from the site median or that previously recorded.

Overall, the macroinvertebrate community composition was relatively similar between the two sites and results indicated that stormwater discharges from the Kapuni Production Station had not caused any recent significant adverse effects on the macroinvertebrate communities of the Kapuni Stream.

A copy of the biomonitoring report for this site is available from the Council upon request.

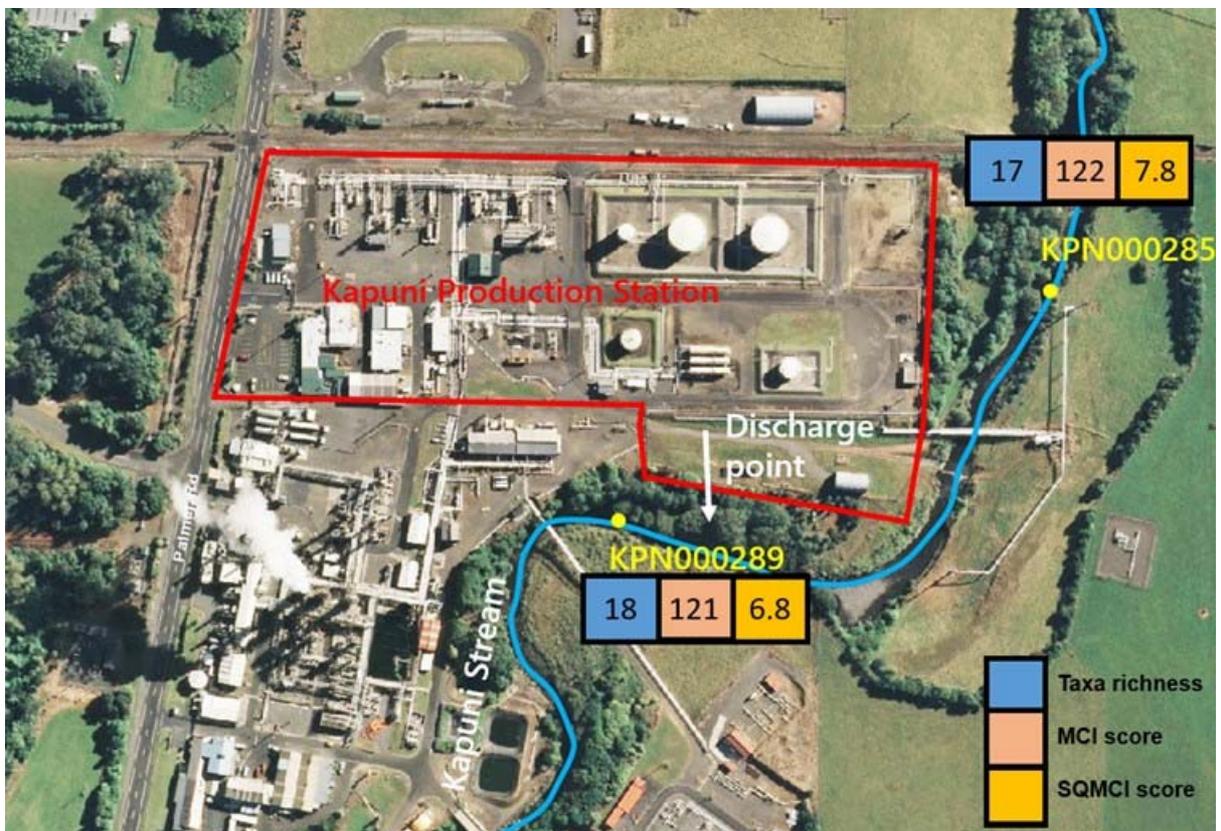


Figure 2 Biomonitoring sites in the Kapuni Stream with March 2023 results

## 2.2 Air

### 2.2.1 Inspections

Air inspections were carried out in conjunction with site inspections as discussed in section 2.1.1 above. Air discharges were all found to be satisfactory, and no offensive, obnoxious or objectionable odours or plumes of smoke were noted during the inspections.

## 2.2.2 Results of receiving environment monitoring

Annual air quality monitoring is usually undertaken at the region's hydrocarbon production stations to monitor concentrations of hazardous air pollutants (HAPs). The MultiRae meter and DustTrak monitor were unable to be deployed during the 2022-2023 monitoring year due to equipment malfunctions. Instead, qualitative assessments of the likely off-site concentrations of carbon monoxide, lower explosive limit (LEL) and PM<sub>10</sub> have been made. The results are compared against the Ambient Air Quality Standards (AAQS, MfE, 2004), the Ambient Air Quality Guidelines (AAQG, MfE, 2002) and the limits set out in air discharge consent 4054-6.

Monitoring of carbon monoxide and LEL is usually undertaken using a MultiRae gas monitor which continuously measures gas levels for approximately 50 hours. The monitors are located at the north eastern boundary of the site (Figure 3) and record maximum, mean, and minimum carbon monoxide levels, and the percentage of the LEL.

The concentration of PM<sub>10</sub> in ambient air is usually measured using a DustTrak aerosol monitor which can simultaneously measure particle mass and size fraction. It is co-located with the MultiRae.

Passive sampling devices were deployed at both monitoring locations (Figure 3) from 12 January to 2 February 2023 to measure ambient NO<sub>x</sub>. The samplers absorb NO<sub>x</sub> over the duration of the deployment and are sent for laboratory analysis. The laboratory results are used to calculate 1- and 24-hour time weighted averages (TWA).

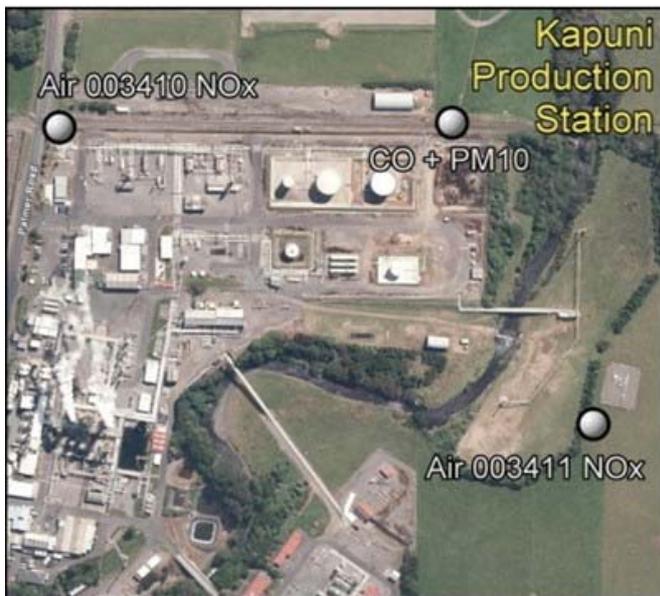


Figure 3 Air monitoring sites at Kapuni Production Station

### 2.2.2.1 Carbon monoxide and combustible gases

Exposure to low level carbon monoxide can cause nausea, dizziness, and disorientation. Higher levels of carbon monoxide can cause coma, collapse and loss of consciousness. The AAQS for exposure to carbon monoxide is 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> averaged over an 8-hour period.

Since monitoring began in 2015, the concentration of carbon monoxide measured at the monitoring locations has never exceeded or approached the AAQS limit. During the monitoring undertaken in 2021-2022, the maximum carbon monoxide concentration was 1.5 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, significantly lower than the AAQS limit of 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) is the concentration of flammable gas, vapour, or mist in ambient air, below which an explosive gas atmosphere will not be formed. In past years methane has been used as a proxy for

LEL and is measured using the MultiRae. In the 2021-2022 year, the instrument recorded methane at 0.1% of the LEL. This low result is to be expected given that methane will likely readily disperse over the distance between the source and the instrument.

Given that there have not been any significant changes to activities on-site or to the scale of production it is unlikely that the concentration of carbon monoxide and percentage LEL at the monitoring site during the 2022-2023 monitoring year would be significantly different than found during 2021-2022.

### 2.2.2.2 PM<sub>10</sub> particulates

Fine particulate less than 10 µm in diameter (PM<sub>10</sub>) can enter deep into the lungs significantly reducing the exchange of gases across the lung walls. Inhalation of PM<sub>10</sub> at high concentrations can cause cardiovascular conditions such as asthma and chronic pulmonary diseases.

PM<sub>10</sub> comes from multiple natural and anthropogenic sources including vehicle emissions, crustal matter and the combustion of fossil fuels. During the two-day monitoring in the 2021-2022 period the 24-hour average PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations were reported to be 6.4 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (day 1) and 15.2 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (day 2), significantly lower than the AAQS limit of 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (24-hour average)

The Kapuni Production Station is located in a rural area and the level of background PM<sub>10</sub> is likely to be a result of vehicle emissions from Palmer Road to the west, dust from unsealed roads, and other rural activities such as fertiliser application. In addition, emissions from the Balance fertiliser manufacturing plant to the west are also a potential source of background HAPs. On this basis the background concentration of PM<sub>10</sub> in the area is likely to be low and therefore discharges from the combustion of natural gas at the Kapuni site are not likely to cause ambient concentrations to approach the AAQS limit.

### 2.2.2.3 Nitrogen oxides

A portion of total NO<sub>x</sub> includes nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) which can cause adverse health impacts as a result of short and long-term exposure durations. Short-term exposure to high concentrations can result in the inflammation of airways which may exacerbate asthma and other pre-existing respiratory problems. Long-term exposure to NO<sub>2</sub> may adversely impact lung development in children, and may lead to the development of asthma. The risk of developing certain forms of cancer and premature death also increases with long-term exposure to NO<sub>2</sub>.

The NO<sub>x</sub> data are used as a proxy for NO<sub>2</sub> and the calculated TWAs are compared to the relevant health-based assessment criteria for NO<sub>2</sub> in Table 6 below.

Table 6 Raw data and calculated TWAs

Monitoring site	NO <sub>x</sub> result (µg)	NO <sub>x</sub> 1-hr average (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	NO <sub>x</sub> 24-hr average (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )
AIR003410	0.3	1.0	0.6
AIR003411	0.3	1.0	0.6
<b>NO<sub>2</sub> Assessment criteria</b>		<b>200 (AAQS)</b>	<b>100 (AAQG)</b>

Analysis of both passive samplers at the Kapuni Production Station reported the mass of NO<sub>x</sub> to be below the laboratory limit of detection of 0.3 µg. The calculated 1-hour average concentration of NO<sub>x</sub> for both monitoring locations based on this result was 1.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, substantially lower than the NO<sub>2</sub> AAQS limit of 200 µg/m, and the lowest results reported since 2015.

The calculated 24-hour average concentration at each of the monitoring locations was 0.6 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, significantly lower than the NO<sub>2</sub> AAQG of 100 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Only a portion of NO<sub>x</sub> is NO<sub>2</sub> and therefore the actual concentration of NO<sub>2</sub> at the monitoring locations will be less than reported. The 1-hr and 24-hr results are likely to be largely representative of background concentrations in rural areas.

An additional analysis of the wind characteristics during the deployment period was conducted using data from the Hāwera Airport weather station. The prevailing wind directions were from the north (30%) and the south east (32%). Monitoring site AIR003411 is upwind of the production station during these conditions therefore the NO<sub>x</sub> is from background sources. During the deployment period monitoring site AIR003410 was downwind from the production station during south easterly (32%) and southerly (3%) winds. The results are more likely to be influenced by on site emissions than the other monitoring site.

A copy of the air monitoring report for this site is available from the Council upon request.

### 2.2.3 Summary of flaring volumes reported by Todd Petroleum

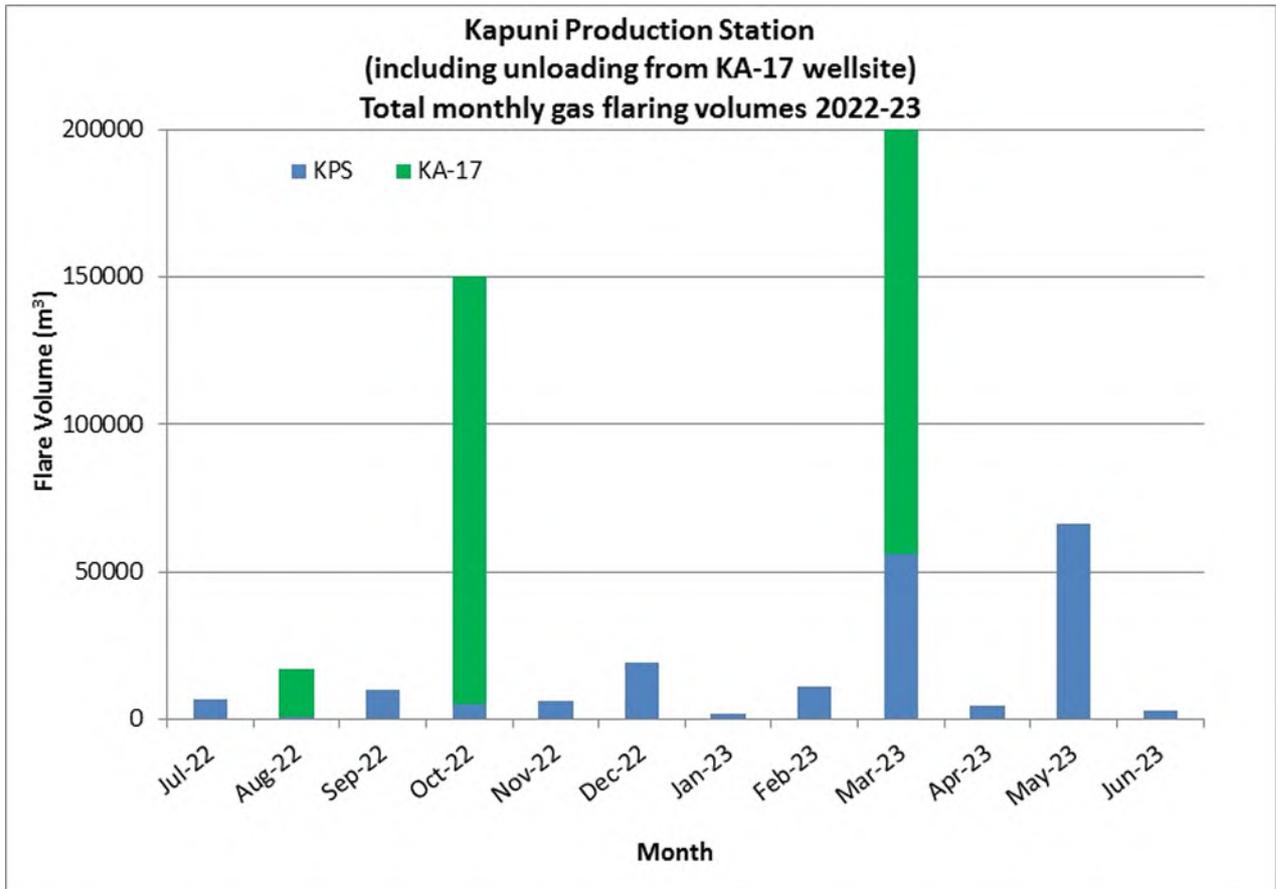


Figure 4 Monthly gas flaring for Kapuni Production Station and Kapuni-J under consent 4054-6.1

*Note: the value for March 2023 is not shown in full to make the graph readable, actual value is 1,548,481 m<sup>3</sup>*

Todd Petroleum provided the Council with an annual report on flaring and emissions during the 2022-2023 period, as required by consent 4054-6.1. A summary of total flaring volumes at Kapuni Production Station (production station operations plus KA-17 wellsite offloading) is provided in Figure 4. The volume of gas flared from activities at the production station in the 2022-2023 year was 189,916 m<sup>3</sup>, which was a large increase compared with the amount of gas flared in the previous year (58,180 m<sup>3</sup>). An additional 1,843,395 m<sup>3</sup> was flared through the Kapuni Production Station as a result of wellsite testing.

The increase in flaring was attributed to the KA-17 well unloading to flare through the Kapuni Production Station low pressure flare during August and October 2022, and March 2023. The remainder of flaring events from Kapuni Production Station activities (excluding the pilot flare) related to re-starting low pressure wells, pumping condensate to the tank farm, compressor trips, plant trips, or planned maintenance. No complaints were received from the public regarding flaring at the production station.

## 2.3 Incidents, investigations, and interventions

The monitoring programme for the year was based on what was considered to be an appropriate level of monitoring, review of data, and liaison with Todd Petroleum. During the year matters may arise which require additional activity by the Council, for example provision of advice and information, or investigation of potential or actual causes of non-compliance or failure to maintain good practices. A pro-active approach, that in the first instance avoids issues occurring, is favoured.

For all significant compliance issues, as well as complaints from the public, the Council maintains a database record. The record includes events where the individual/organisation concerned has itself notified the Council. Details of any investigation and corrective action taken are recorded for non-compliant events.

Complaints may be alleged to be associated with a particular site. If there is potentially an issue of legal liability, the Council must be able to prove by investigation that the identified individual/organisation is indeed the source of the incident (or that the allegation cannot be proven).

In the 2022-2023 period, the Council was not required to undertake significant additional investigations and interventions, or record incidents, in association with the Company's conditions in resource consents or provisions in Regional Plans.

## 3 Discussion

### 3.1 Discussion of site performance

Inspections of the Kapuni Production Station during the 2022-2023 year found that the site was well managed. All consent conditions relating to site operations and management were complied with..

### 3.2 Environmental effects of exercise of consents

Receiving water inspections, in conjunction with sampling conducted by both the Council and Todd Petroleum during the 2022-2023 period, showed that the site discharges were not causing any adverse effects in the Kapuni Stream. This was supported by the findings of the macroinvertebrate survey.

There were no adverse effects on the environment resulting from the exercise of the air discharge consent. The ambient air quality monitoring at the site showed that levels of nitrogen oxides were below levels of concern at the time of sampling. No offensive or objectionable odours were detected beyond the boundary during inspections and there were no complaints in relation to air emissions from the site.

### 3.3 Evaluation of performance

A tabular summary of the consent holder's compliance record for the year under review is set out in Tables 7-10.

Table 7 Summary of performance for consent 0633-3

<b>Purpose: To discharge treated stormwater from the Kapuni Production Station into the Kapuni Stream</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Adoption of best practicable option to minimise adverse effects	Site inspections and liaison with consent holder	Yes
2. Catchment area not to exceed 4 ha	Site inspections	Yes
3. Stormwater to be directed through a treatment system	Site inspections	Yes
4. Limit on the concentration of pH, suspended solids, hydrocarbons and chloride	Water sampling and self-monitoring by consent holder	Mostly, no significant breaches
5. In-stream effects	Inspections, sampling, and biomonitoring	Yes
6. Contingency plan	Plan reviewed and approved	Yes
7. Consent holder to notify Council of significant changes to processes or operations	Site inspections and liaison with consent holder	Yes
8. Review of consent	No further option for review prior to expiry	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>

N/A = not applicable

Table 8 Summary of performance for consent 4054-6.1

<b>Purpose: To discharge emissions into the air from combustion involving flaring of petroleum products and miscellaneous emissions incidental to the treatment of gas at the Kapuni Production Station</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Adoption of best practicable option to minimise adverse effects	Site inspections and liaison with consent holder	Yes
2. Maintenance of log of continuous flaring incidents	Information received	Yes
3. Provision of monthly flaring information	Information received	Yes
4. Provision of annual report on flaring to council	Report received	Yes
5. Record of smoke emitting events and complaints	Site inspections, records kept by consent holder, and liaison with consent holder	Yes
6. Provide analysis of typical gas stream on request	Not requested during period under review	N/A
7. Consultation with Council prior to significant alterations to plant, processes, or operations	Site inspections and liaison with consent holder	Yes
8. Notification of flaring more than five minutes in duration	Flaring notifications received	Yes
9. No offensive, obnoxious or objectionable odours, dust or smoke beyond site boundary	Site inspections	Yes
10. No discharge of hazardous, noxious or toxic contaminants beyond site boundary	Site inspections and air quality monitoring	Yes
11. Control levels of CO, NO <sub>2</sub> , PM <sub>10</sub> and SO <sub>2</sub> to comply with NES	Air quality monitoring	Yes
12. Control discharges to the atmosphere to comply with WES	Air quality monitoring	Yes
13. Lapse of consent	Consent exercised	N/A
14. Review of consent	Next option for review in June 2029	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>

N/A = not applicable

Table 9 Summary of performance for consent 5960-1

<b>Purpose: To erect, place, use and maintain a concrete ford on the bed of the Kapuni Stream for access purposes</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Construction and maintenance only between 1 November and 30 April	Inspections. No maintenance undertaken during this monitoring period	N/A
2. Notify Council before undertaking construction and maintenance works	Inspections. No maintenance undertaken during this monitoring period	N/A
3. Constructed and maintained in accordance with application	Inspections. No maintenance undertaken during this monitoring period	N/A
4. During maintenance works observe measures to prevent discharge and minimise disturbance	Inspections. No maintenance undertaken during this monitoring period	N/A
5. Minimise disturbance and reinstate any disturbed areas	Inspections. No maintenance undertaken during this monitoring period	N/A
6. The structure shall not obstruct fish passage	Site inspection	Yes
7. Structures to be removed and area reinstated when no longer required	Structures still in use	N/A
8. Review of consent	Consent has expired, renewal underway	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>High</b>

N/A = not applicable

Table 10 Summary of performance for Consent 9555-1

<b>Purpose: To disturb the bed of the Kapuni Stream for the purpose of undertaking maintenance work on the fire water intake chamber</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
1. Notify Council before undertaking maintenance works	Notification received	Yes
2. Adopt best practicable option to avoid or minimise effects	Inspection, liaison with consent holder	Yes
3. Restrict area and volume of disturbance to a practicable minimum	Inspection, liaison with consent holder	Yes
4. No instream works between 1 May and 31 October	Liaison with consent holder, works undertaken in November	Yes

<b>Purpose: To disturb the bed of the Kapuni Stream for the purpose of undertaking maintenance work on the fire water intake chamber</b>		
<b>Condition requirement</b>	<b>Means of monitoring during period under review</b>	<b>Compliance achieved?</b>
5. Exercise of consent shall not obstruct fish passage	Inspection, liaison with consent holder	Yes
6. Lapse of consent	Consent has been exercised	N/A
7. Review of consent	No further option for review prior to expiry	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		<b>High High</b>

N/A = not applicable

Table 11 Evaluation of environmental performance over time

<b>Year</b>	<b>Consent no</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Improvement req</b>	<b>Poor</b>
2009-10	0633-2, 4054-5, 5120-1, 5960-1	4	-	-	-
2010-11	0633-2, 4054-5, 5120-1, 5960-1	4	-	-	-
2011-12	0633-2, 4054-5, 5960-1	3	-	-	-
2012-14	0633-2, 4054-5, 5960-1,	3	-	-	-
2014-15	0633-3, 4054-5, 5960-1, 9555-1	4	-	-	-
2015-16	0633-3, 4054-5, 5960-1, 9555-1	4	-	-	-
2016-17	0633-3, 4054-5, 5960-1, 9555-1	4	-	-	-
2017-18	0633-3, 4054-5, 5960-1, 9555-1	4	-	-	-
2018-19	0633-3, 4054-5, 5960-1, 9555-1	4	-	-	-
2019-20	0633-3, 4054-5, 5960-1, 9555-1	4	-	-	-
2020-21	0633-3, 4054-5, 5960-1, 9555-1	4	-	-	-
2020-21	0633-3, 4054-5, 5960-1, 9555-1	4	-	-	-
Totals		46	0	0	0

During the year, Todd Petroleum demonstrated an overall high level of both environmental performance and administrative compliance with the resource consents as defined in Appendix II. There were no unauthorised incidents recorded by the Council in relation to Todd Petroleum's activities. The Kapuni Production Station was well managed and maintained.

### 3.4 Recommendations from the 2021-2022 Annual Report

In the 2021-2022 Annual Report, it was recommended:

1. THAT in the first instance, monitoring of consented activities at Kapuni Production Station in the 2022-2023 year continue at the same level as in 2021-2022.
2. THAT should there be issues with environmental or administrative performance in 2022-2023, monitoring may be adjusted to reflect any additional investigation or intervention as found necessary.
3. THAT the option for a review of resource consents 0633-3, 4054-6, and 9555-1 in June 2023, as set out in conditions of the consents, not be exercised, on the grounds that the current conditions are adequate.

Recommendations one and three were implemented, while it was not considered necessary to undertake additional investigation or monitoring as per condition two.

### 3.5 Alterations to monitoring programmes for 2023-2024

In designing and implementing the monitoring programmes for air/water discharges in the region, the Council has taken into account:

- the extent of information already made available through monitoring or other means to date;
- its relevance under the RMA;
- the Council's obligations to monitor consented activities and their effects under the RMA;
- the record of administrative and environmental performances of the consent holder; and
- reporting to the regional community.

The Council also takes into account the scope of assessments required at the time of renewal of permits, and the need to maintain a sound understanding of industrial processes within Taranaki exercising resource consents.

No planned changes have been made to the 2023-2024 monitoring programme.

It should be noted that the proposed programme represents a reasonable and risk-based level of monitoring for the site in question. The Council reserves the right to subsequently adjust the programme from that initially prepared, should the need arise if potential or actual non-compliance is determined at any time during 2023-2024.

## 4 Recommendations

1. THAT in the first instance, monitoring of consented activities at Kapuni Production Station in the 2023-2024 year continue at the same level as in 2022-2023.
2. THAT should there be issues with environmental or administrative performance in 2023-2024, monitoring may be adjusted to reflect any additional investigation or intervention as found necessary.

## Glossary of common terms and abbreviations

The following abbreviations and terms may be used within this report:

AAQG	Ambient Air Quality Guidelines (MfE, 2002)
AAQS	Ambient Air Quality Standards (MfE, 2004).
Biomonitoring	Assessing the health of the environment using aquatic organisms.
Bund	A wall around a tank to contain its contents in the case of a leak.
Conductivity	Conductivity, an indication of the level of dissolved salts in a sample, usually measured at 25°C and expressed in mS/m.
g/m <sup>3</sup>	Grams per cubic metre, and equivalent to milligrams per litre (mg/L). In water, this is also equivalent to parts per million (ppm), but the same does not apply to gaseous mixtures.
HAPs	Hazardous air pollutants.
Incident	An event that is alleged or is found to have occurred that may have actual or potential environmental consequences or may involve non-compliance with a consent or rule in a regional plan. Registration of an incident by the Council does not automatically mean such an outcome had actually occurred.
Intervention	Action/s taken by Council to instruct or direct actions be taken to avoid or reduce the likelihood of an incident occurring.
Investigation	Action taken by Council to establish what were the circumstances/events surrounding an incident including any allegations of an incident.
Incident Register	The Incident Register contains a list of events recorded by the Council on the basis that they may have the potential or actual environmental consequences that may represent a breach of a consent or provision in a Regional Plan.
L/s	Litres per second.
LEL	Lower Explosive Limit. The percentage of the lower explosive limit, expressed as methane, that is detected in the air sampled.
m <sup>2</sup>	Square Metres.
mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Milligrams per cubic metre.
MCI	Macroinvertebrate community index; a numerical indication of the state of biological life in a stream that takes into account the sensitivity of the taxa present to organic pollution in stony habitats.
MfE	Ministry for the Environment.
Mixing zone	The zone below a discharge point where the discharge is not fully mixed with the receiving environment. For a stream, conventionally taken as a length equivalent to 7 times the width of the stream at the discharge point.
mS/m	Millisiemens per metre.
NES	National Environmental Standards
NO <sub>2</sub>	Nitrogen dioxide.
NO <sub>x</sub>	Nitrogen oxides.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, a measure of the turbidity of water.
O&G	Oil and grease, defined as anything that will dissolve into a particular organic solvent (e.g. hexane). May include both animal material (fats) and mineral matter (hydrocarbons).

pH	A numerical system for measuring acidity in solutions, with 7 as neutral. Numbers lower than 7 are increasingly acidic and higher than 7 are increasingly alkaline. The scale is logarithmic i.e. a change of 1 represents a ten-fold change in strength. For example, a pH of 4 is ten times more acidic than a pH of 5.
Physicochemical	Measurement of both physical properties (e.g. temperature, clarity, density) and chemical determinants (e.g. metals and nutrients) to characterise the state of an environment.
PM <sub>10</sub>	Relatively fine airborne particles (less than 10 micrometre diameter, respectively).
Resource consent	Refer Section 87 of the RMA. Resource consents include land use consents (refer Sections 9 and 13 of the RMA), coastal permits (Sections 12, 14 and 15), water permits (Section 14) and discharge permits (Section 15).
RMA	<i>Resource Management Act 1991</i> and including all subsequent amendments.
SS	Suspended solids.
SQMCI	Semi quantitative macroinvertebrate community index.
Temp	Temperature, measured in °C (degrees Celsius).
Turb	Turbidity, expressed in NTU.
TWA	Time weighted average.
µg/m <sup>3</sup>	Micrograms per cubic metre of air.

For further information on analytical methods, contact an Environment Quality Manager.

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# Appendix I

## Resource consents held by Todd Petroleum Mining Company Ltd

(For a copy of the signed resource consent  
please contact the TRC Consents department)

### Water abstraction permits

Section 14 of the RMA stipulates that no person may take, use, dam or divert any water, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent or a rule in a regional plan, or it falls within some particular categories set out in Section 14. Permits authorising the abstraction of water are issued by the Council under Section 87(d) of the RMA.

### Water discharge permits

Section 15(1)(a) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant into water, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent or a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations. Permits authorising discharges to water are issued by the Council under Section 87(e) of the RMA.

### Air discharge permits

Section 15(1)(c) of the RMA stipulates that no person may discharge any contaminant from any industrial or trade premises into air, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent, a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations. Permits authorising discharges to air are issued by the Council under Section 87(e) of the RMA.

### Discharges of wastes to land

Sections 15(1)(b) and (d) of the RMA stipulate that no person may discharge any contaminant onto land if it may then enter water, or from any industrial or trade premises onto land under any circumstances, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent, a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations. Permits authorising the discharge of wastes to land are issued by the Council under Section 87(e) of the RMA.

### Land use permits

Section 13(1)(a) of the RMA stipulates that no person may in relation to the bed of any lake or river use, erect, reconstruct, place, alter, extend, remove, or demolish any structure or part of any structure in, on, under, or over the bed, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent, a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations. Land use permits are issued by the Council under Section 87(a) of the RMA.

### Coastal permits

Section 12(1)(b) of the RMA stipulates that no person may erect, reconstruct, place, alter, extend, remove, or demolish any structure that is fixed in, on, under, or over any foreshore or seabed, unless the activity is expressly allowed for by a resource consent, a rule in a regional plan, or by national regulations. Coastal permits are issued by the Council under Section 87(c) of the RMA.

**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder: Todd Petroleum Mining Company Limited  
PO Box 802  
New Plymouth 4340

Decision Date: 1 August 2011

Commencement Date: 1 August 2011

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted: To discharge treated stormwater from the Kapuni Production Station into the Kapuni Stream

Expiry Date: 1 June 2029

Review Date(s): June 2023 and in accordance with special condition 8

Site Location: Kapuni Production Station, Palmer Road, Kapuni

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1701051E-5629618N

Catchment: Kapuni

*For General, Standard and Special conditions  
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

### General condition

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

### Special conditions

1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to prevent or minimise any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent.
2. The stormwater discharged shall be from a catchment area not exceeding four hectares.
3. All stormwater shall be directed for treatment through the stormwater treatment system for discharge in accordance with the special conditions of this permit.
4. Constituents of the discharge shall meet the standards shown in the following table.

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Standard</u>
pH	Within the range 6.0 to 9.0
suspended solids	Concentration not greater than 100 gm <sup>-3</sup>
total recoverable hydrocarbons	Concentration not greater than 15 gm <sup>-3</sup>
chloride	Concentration not greater than 50 gm <sup>-3</sup>

This condition shall apply before entry of the treated stormwater into the receiving waters at a designated sampling point approved by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council.

5. After allowing for reasonable mixing, within a mixing zone extending 25 metres downstream of the discharge point, the discharge shall not, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, give rise to any or all of the following effects in the Kapuni Stream:
  - a) the production of any conspicuous oil or grease films, scums or foams, or floatable or suspended materials;
  - b) any conspicuous change in the colour or visual clarity;
  - c) any emission of objectionable odour;
  - d) the rendering of fresh water unsuitable for consumption by farm animals;
  - e) any significant adverse effects on aquatic life.
6. The consent holder shall maintain a contingency plan. The contingency plan shall be adhered to in the event of a spill or emergency and shall, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, detail measures and procedures to be undertaken to prevent spillage or accidental discharge of contaminants not authorised by this consent and measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate the environmental effects of such a spillage or discharge.

7. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, prior to making any changes to the processes or operations undertaken at the site, or the chemicals used or stored on site, that could alter the nature of the discharge. Any such change shall then only occur following receipt of any necessary approval under the Resource Management Act.
8. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review:
  - a) during the month of June 2017 and/or June 2023; and/or
  - b) within 3 months of receiving a notification under special condition 7 above;

for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Transferred at Stratford on 1 August 2017

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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A D McLay  
**Director - Resource Management**



**Discharge Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of Consent Holder: Todd Petroleum Mining Company Limited  
PO Box 802  
New Plymouth 4340

Decision Date (Change): 3 May 2019

Commencement Date (Change): 3 May 2019 (Granted Date: 16 November 2017)

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted: To discharge emissions into the air from combustion involving flaring of petroleum products and miscellaneous emissions incidental to the treatment of gas at the Kapuni Production Station

Expiry Date: 1 June 2035

Review Date(s): June 2023, June 2029

Site Location: Kapuni Production Station, 318 Palmer Road, Kapuni

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1701129E-5629766N

*For General, Standard and Special conditions  
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

### **General condition**

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

### **Special conditions**

#### **Exercise of consent**

1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option (as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991) to prevent or minimise any actual or likely adverse effects on the environment associated with the discharge of contaminants into the environment arising from the emissions to air from the flare.

#### **Recording and submitting information**

2. The consent holder shall keep and maintain a log of all continuous flaring incidents lasting longer than 5 minutes and any intermittent flaring lasting for an aggregate of 10 minutes or longer in any 60-minute period. The log shall contain the date, the start and finish times, the quantity and type of material flared, and the reason for flaring. The log shall be made available to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, upon request, and summarised annually in the report required under condition 4. Flaring, under normal operation in the low pressure flare, of rich mono-ethylene glycol degasser vapour, condensate tank vapours, non-condensibles from tri-ethylene glycol/mono-ethylene glycol regeneration and purge gas shall be excluded from this requirement.
3. The consent holder shall supply to the Taranaki Regional Council each month a copy of flaring information comprising: the type and amount of material flared (including any gas used to maintain a pilot flame), the date this was flared, the reason why flaring was undertaken, and an indication of whether smoke was produced from such flaring events.
4. The consent holder shall provide to the Taranaki Regional Council during August of each year, for the duration of this consent, a report:
  - a) detailing gas combustion at the production station flare, including but not restricted to routine operational flaring and flaring logged in accordance with condition 2;
  - b) detailing any measures that have been undertaken by the consent holder to improve the energy efficiency of the production station;
  - c) detailing any measures to reduce smoke emissions;
  - d) detailing any measures to reduce flaring;
  - e) addressing any other issue relevant to the minimisation or mitigation of emissions from the production station flare; and
  - f) detailing any complaints received and any measures undertaken to address complaints.
5. The consent holder shall keep and make available to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, upon request, a record of all smoke emitting incidents, noting time, duration and cause. The consent holder shall also keep, and make available to the Chief Executive, upon request, a record of all complaints received as a result of the exercise of this consent.

### Information and notification

6. The consent holder shall make available to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council upon request, an analysis of a typical gas and/or condensate stream from the Manutahi, Kauri and Tariki Formations, covering sulphur compound content and the content of compounds containing six or more carbon atoms in their molecular structure.
7. Prior to undertaking any alterations to the plant equipment, processes or operations, which may substantially alter the nature or quantity of flare emissions other than as described in the consent application, the consent holder shall first consult with the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, and shall obtain any necessary approvals under the Resource Management Act 1991.
8. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, as soon as practicable, whenever the continuous flaring of hydrocarbons (other than the flaring of rich mono-ethylene glycol degasser vapour, condensate tank vapours, non-condensibles from tri-ethylene glycol/mono-ethylene glycol regeneration and purge gas) is expected to occur for more than five minutes in duration.

### Preventing and minimising emissions

9. The discharges authorised by this consent shall not, whether alone or in conjunction with any other emissions from the site arising, give rise to any levels of odour or dust or smoke that are offensive or obnoxious or objectionable at or beyond the boundary of the site.
10. The consent holder shall not discharge any contaminant to air from the site at a rate or a quantity such that the contaminant, whether alone or in combination with other contaminants, is or is liable to be hazardous or toxic or noxious at or beyond the boundary of the site.
11. The consent holder shall control all emissions of carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, fine particles (PM10) and sulphur dioxide to the atmosphere from the site, in order that the maximum ground level concentration of any of these contaminants arising from the exercise of this consent measured under ambient conditions does not exceed the relevant ambient air quality standard as set out in the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality Regulations, 2004) at or beyond the boundary of the property on which the wellsite is located.
12. The consent holder shall control discharges to the atmosphere from the flare of contaminants, other than those addressed by the *Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality) Regulations, 2004*, whether alone or in conjunction with any other emissions from the site, in order that the maximum ground level concentration for any particular contaminant arising from the exercise of this consent, measured at or beyond the boundary of the site, is not increased above background levels:

## Consent 4054-6.1

- a) by more than 1/30th of the relevant Workplace Exposure Standard-Time Weighted Average (exposure averaged over a duration as specified for the Workplace Exposure Standard-Time Weighted Average), or by more than 1/10th of the Workplace Exposure Standard-Short Term Exposure Limit over any short period of time (all terms as defined in Workplace Exposure Standards, 2002, Department of Labour); or
- b) if no Short Term Exposure Limit is set, by more than the General Excursion Limit at any time (all terms as defined in Workplace Exposure Standards, 2002, Department of Labour or any subsequent reviews).

### Advice Note:

*In exercising this consent the consent holder must also comply with any discharge standard required by Regulations. At the time of issuing this consent the 'Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Air Quality) Regulations, 2004' set limits on discharge of carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, fine particles (PM<sub>10</sub>) and sulphur dioxide.*

### **Lapse**

13. This consent shall lapse on 31 December 2022, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

### **Review**

14. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2023 and/or June 2029, for the purposes of:
  - a) dealing with any significant adverse effect on the environment arising from the exercise of the consent which was not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time; and/or
  - b) requiring the consent holder to adopt the best practicable option to remove or reduce any adverse effect on the environment caused by the discharge; and/or
  - c) to alter, add or delete limits on mass discharge quantities or discharge or ambient concentrations of any contaminant or contaminants.

Signed at Stratford on 3 May 2019

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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A D McLay  
**Director - Resource Management**

**Water Permit**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of Consent Holder: Todd Petroleum Mining Company Limited  
PO Box 802  
New Plymouth 4340

Decision Date: 27 September 2005

Commencement Date: 27 September 2005

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted: To take and use water from the Kapuni Stream for fire fighting, well killing and well workover purposes for emergency backup supply at various wellsites

Expiry Date: 1 June 2023

Site Location: KA-1/7 wellsite, 360 Palmer Road, Kapuni  
KA-2 wellsite, 140 Palmer Road, Kapuni  
KA-3 wellsite, 445 Tempsky Road, Kapuni  
KA-4/14 wellsite, 598 Palmer Road, Kapuni  
KA-5/10 wellsite, 992 Skeet Road, Kapuni  
KA-6/11 wellsite, 849 Ahipapa Road, Kapuni  
KA-8/12 wellsite, 939 Eltham Road, Kapuni  
KA-9 wellsite, 83 Lower Duthie Road, Kapuni  
KA-13 wellsite, 1049 Skeet Road, Kapuni

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1701243E-5630060N  
1700844E-5628160N  
1700145E-5626860N  
1701242E-5632459N  
1701240E-5634659N  
1700744E-5628860N

Catchment: Kapuni

*For General, Standard and Special conditions  
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

### **General conditions**

- a) On receipt of a requirement from the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council the consent holder shall, within the time specified in the requirement, supply the information required relating to the exercise of this consent.
- b) Unless it is otherwise specified in the conditions of this consent, compliance with any monitoring requirement imposed by this consent must be at the consent holder's own expense.
- c) The consent holder shall pay to the Council all required administrative charges fixed by the Council pursuant to section 36 in relation to:
  - i) the administration, monitoring and supervision of this consent; and
  - ii) charges authorised by regulations.

### **Special conditions**

1. The exercise of this consent shall be undertaken generally in accordance with the documentation submitted in support of application 3843. In the case of any contradiction between the documentation submitted in support of application 3843 and the conditions of this consent, the conditions of this consent shall prevail.
2. The abstraction authorised by this consent for well workover purposes shall cease when the flow in the Kapuni Stream at the Normanby Road hydrological recorder station is at or below 403 litres/second.
3. The volume of water abstracted shall not exceed 165 cubic meters / day at a rate not exceeding 19 litres/second.
4. Special conditions 2 and 3 of this consent shall not apply when the abstraction is exercised for emergency purposes. An emergency is defined as (a) fire; or (b) well killing; or (c) any other situation as necessary to ensure the safety of the surrounding landowners.
5. The consent holder shall notify the Taranaki Regional Council in writing as soon as practicable after exercising this consent for emergency purposes.
6. The consent holder shall maintain records of abstraction including date, daily pumping hours and daily volume abstracted, and shall make these records available to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council upon request.
7. The consent holder shall ensure that the pump intake structure is appropriately screened to avoid the entrainment of freshwater fish.
8. This consent shall be subject to compliance monitoring inspections and any additional monitoring as required by the Taranaki Regional Council, including payment of related charges.

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9. The Taranaki Regional Council may review, under section 128 of the Resource Management Act 1991, any or all of the conditions of this consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2011 and/or June 2017, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any significant adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Transferred at Stratford on 1 August 2017

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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A D McLay  
**Director - Resource Management**



**Land Use Consent**  
**Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991**  
**a resource consent is hereby granted by the**  
**Taranaki Regional Council**

Name of  
Consent Holder: Todd Petroleum Mining Company Limited  
PO Box 802  
New Plymouth 4340

Decision Date: 16 April 2013

Commencement Date: 16 April 2013

**Conditions of Consent**

Consent Granted: To disturb the bed of the Kapuni Stream for the purpose of undertaking maintenance work on the fire water intake chamber

Expiry Date: 1 June 2029

Review Date(s): June 2023

Site Location: Kapuni Production Station, 318 Palmer Road, Kapuni

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1701162E-5629698N

Catchment: Kapuni

*For General, Standard and Special conditions  
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

**General condition**

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

**Special conditions**

1. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, in writing at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of work. Notification shall include the consent number and a brief description of the activity consented and be emailed to [worknotification@trc.govt.nz](mailto:worknotification@trc.govt.nz).
2. The consent holder shall adopt the best practicable option, as defined in section 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to avoid or minimise the discharge of sediments or other contaminants into water or onto the riverbed and to avoid or minimise the disturbance of the riverbed and any adverse effects on water quality.
3. The consent holder shall ensure that the area and volume of stream bed disturbance is restricted to a practicable minimum.
4. No instream works shall take place between 1 May and 31 October inclusive.
5. The exercise of this consent shall not restrict the passage of fish.
6. This consent shall lapse on 30 June 2018, unless the consent is given effect to before the end of that period or the Taranaki Regional Council fixes a longer period pursuant to section 125(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
7. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2017 and/or June 2023 for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Transferred at Stratford on 1 August 2017

For and on behalf of  
Taranaki Regional Council

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A D McLay  
**Director - Resource Management**

## Appendix II

Categories used to evaluate environmental and administrative performance

## Categories used to evaluate environmental and administrative performance

Environmental performance is concerned with actual or likely effects on the receiving environment from the activities during the monitoring year. Administrative performance is concerned with the Company's approach to demonstrating consent compliance in site operations and management including the timely provision of information to Council (such as contingency plans and water take data) in accordance with consent conditions.

Events that were beyond the control of the consent holder and unforeseeable (that is a defence under the provisions of the RMA can be established) may be excluded with regard to the performance rating applied. For example loss of data due to a flood destroying deployed field equipment.

The categories used by the Council for this monitoring period, and their interpretation, are as follows:

### Environmental Performance

**High:** No or inconsequential (short-term duration, less than minor in severity) breaches of consent or regional plan parameters resulting from the activity; no adverse effects of significance noted or likely in the receiving environment. The Council did not record any verified unauthorised incidents involving environmental impacts and was not obliged to issue any abatement notices or infringement notices in relation to such impacts.

**Good:** Likely or actual adverse effects of activities on the receiving environment were negligible or minor at most. There were some such issues noted during monitoring, from self-reports, or during investigations of incidents reported to the Council by a third party but these items were not critical, and follow-up inspections showed they have been dealt with. These minor issues were resolved positively, co-operatively, and quickly. The Council was not obliged to issue any abatement notices or infringement notices in relation to the minor non-compliant effects; however abatement notices may have been issued to mitigate an identified potential for an environmental effect to occur.

For example:

- High suspended solid values recorded in discharge samples, however the discharge was to land or to receiving waters that were in high flow at the time;
- Strong odour beyond boundary but no residential properties or other recipient nearby.

**Improvement required:** Likely or actual adverse effects of activities on the receiving environment were more than minor, but not substantial. There were some issues noted during monitoring, from self-reports, or during investigations of incidents reported to the Council by a third party. Cumulative adverse effects of a persistent minor non-compliant activity could elevate a minor issue to this level. Abatement notices and infringement notices may have been issued in respect of effects.

**Poor:** Likely or actual adverse effects of activities on the receiving environment were significant. There were some items noted during monitoring, from self-reports, or during investigations of incidents reported to the Council by a third party. Cumulative adverse effects of a persistent moderate non-compliant activity could elevate an 'improvement required' issue to this level. Typically there were grounds for either a prosecution or an infringement notice in respect of effects.

### Administrative performance

**High:** The administrative requirements of the resource consents were met, or any failure to do this had trivial consequences and were addressed promptly and co-operatively.

**Good:** Perhaps some administrative requirements of the resource consents were not met at a particular time, however this was addressed without repeated interventions from the Council staff. Alternatively

adequate reason was provided for matters such as the no or late provision of information, interpretation of 'best practical option' for avoiding potential effects, etc.

**Improvement required:** Repeated interventions to meet the administrative requirements of the resource consents were made by Council staff. These matters took some time to resolve, or remained unresolved at the end of the period under review. The Council may have issued an abatement notice to attain compliance.

**Poor:** Material failings to meet the administrative requirements of the resource consents. Significant intervention by the Council was required. Typically there were grounds for an infringement notice.