

Submission on resource consent application

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Application to which submission relates

Name of applicant Opunake Power Ltd
Proposal (activity type and location) Hydro Electric Power Scheme
TRC Consent number/s 1795,1796,1797,4563,4744,5581,5692 and 10826
I am a trade competitor for the purposes of [section 308B](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991 No

The specific parts of the application this submission relates to are:

My submission relates to the whole application Yes

Submission details

Please provide details of your submission. If your submission is in a document, you can upload the document below. To whom it may concern : My name is Murray James , I am the Engineering Manager of Cogswell Surveys in Cambridge. My wife Diane and I own a property at 7 Domett Street, Opunake .

I am writing in support of the application for consent renewals for the Opunake Power Scheme.

The Opunake Power Station is part of the history of the region , and South Taranaki District Council has been spending considerable effort in canvassing ratepayers on the “ Good Bad and Ugly “ of the region . This is an asset of good which needs to be preserved ,and operated for the good of all. Engineering feats which created this transformation from Market garden to lake/ power station are part of a country’s history which should not be forgotten.

The tail race has existed as part of Opunake Beach culture and awareness , with the siren sounding when discharge is about to

commence and along with the wide range of activities its existence has on the community.

This is a favorite fishing spot for my family , and often joined by others, adjoining the tail race, as the Kahawai enjoyed this outlet when the power station was operational.

During white bait season people sat upon the outlet netting for their special catch. For a small group of locals this time of year represented an occasion when they would sit for hours through all weathers hunting their delicacy.

The local surf club use the drift from the outfall as a training ground .They would enter the water when the outfall is going and get taken out and learn to "Go with the Rip" .

Renewing the Resource consent brings a positive impact back to Opunake, and this part of the Taranaki Region

NA

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Outcome sought

I seek the following decision from the Council

To grant consent

If consent is granted, the conditions I seek are

Nil

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NA

Attendance and wish to be heard at consent hearing

I/we wish to be heard in support of my/our submission No

By answering no, you will not be advised of the date of any consent hearing and cannot speak at any hearing. However, you will still retain your right to appeal any decision made by the Council.

Request for independent commissioner/s

Pursuant to section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991, I request that the Taranaki Regional Council delegates its functions, powers, and duties required to hear and decide the application to one or more hearing commissioners who are not Taranaki Regional Councilors.

NA

Note: Such a request may be made (in writing) up to 5 working days after close of submissions. If you do make a request under section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991, you will be liable to meet or contribute to the costs of the hearings commissioner or commissioners.

Provision of submission to applicant

The Resource Management Act 1991 requires you to send a a copy of the submission to the applicant.

Would you like the Applicant to be automatically sent a copy of this submission via email? Yes

Please enter the applicant's email address here

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Authorisation

By selecting this checkbox, you are confirming you are the Yes
person making submission, or person authorised on behalf of
person making submission.

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