

FORM 13 SUBMISSION ON RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION



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Please ensure that all sections of this form are completed and that the Taranaki Regional Council receives this submission before midnight on the closing date specified on the notification.

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1. Submitter's details

Full Name: NZ Energy Limited

Address for Service:

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Postal: PO Box 113

Motueka Post Code: 7143

Telephone: 03 5281068 Mobile: _____

Contact person: (if different to name above): David Inch

Street Address of property affected (if different to address above) _____

Serving of documents

The Council will serve all formal documents electronically via the email address provided above.

2. Application to which submission relates

Name of Applicant: Opunake Power Limited

Proposal (activity type and location): Renewal of Consents and one new one associated with operation of Opunake hydroelectric power scheme.

TRC Consent Number(s): 1795-5, 1796-4, 1797-4, 5581-2, 4744-3, 4563-3, 5692-2, 10826-1

3. Attendance and wish to be heard at consent hearing

- I/we **do not** wish to be heard in support of my/our submission
(This means that 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.)
- I/we **do** wish to be heard in support of my/our submission
(This means that you will have the option to speak in support of your submission at any consent hearing.)
- If others make a similar submission, I/we will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing
[Please tick if you will consider presenting a joint case otherwise leave blank]

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



The whole application (*tick box*), or parts of the application described below:

(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

5. My submission is (*give details*):

NZ Energy support the application for the renewal of the Resource Consents associated with the Power scheme and the new consent also now required under for the same purpose above.

This scheme has significant history to the community of Opunake. It provides not only a wonderful recreation facility but also a source of renewable energy to the community. We as New Zealanders need to be embracing these assets at both community and national levels

The council and decision makers must have regard to NPS Renewable Generation and it is important to acknowledge that this is of regional significance. There are also other government initiatives to further embrace renewable generation like the Climate Change commission, NZ Energy Strategy, ETS which decision makers have a moral obligation to have regard to, If not a legal obligation by the time this application is heard.

Finally, the scheme has undergone significant upgrading over the last 20 yrs in a concerted effort to improve the environmental performance. The present owners should be commended for continuing this goal of continuous improvement and commitment to this valued community asset.

(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

6. I seek the following decision from the Council



To grant consent



To refuse consent

If Consent is granted, the conditions I seek are:

Note: You do not have to suggest conditions, particularly if you seek that consent be refused.

A rationalisation of the existing conditions, many of which were put in place without the knowledge of

how the scheme has to operate in such a dynamic environment. This is well and truly now known.

Furthermore when considering the consents required the known effects from almost 100 years of

operation need to be given significant consideration for determining what conditions are required for the new consents.

(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

7. 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 Councillors.

[Please tick if you do wish to make a request otherwise leave blank]

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.

8. Signature



I/we have served a copy of this submission on the applicant (*This is required by section 96(6) of the Resource Management Act 1991*)

Signature:*

David J. Hol

Date: 7th / April / 2020