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Executive summary

Nova Energy Ltd (the Company) operates a gas fired power plant, the Junction Road Power Plant (JRPP). It is located at 688 Junction Road, New Plymouth, in the Waiwhakaiho catchment. The facility is composed of two 50 MW power output gas turbine peaker plants. The site was formerly operated by Todd Generation Ltd. This report is the second report for the site under the name of Nova Energy Limited and the third report in relation to this activity.

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 Company's activities.

During the monitoring period, the Company demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and high level of administrative performance.

The Company holds six resource consents, which include a total of 81 conditions setting out the requirements that the Company must satisfy. The Company holds one consent to discharge effluent/stormwater into the Mangorei Stream, one consent to discharge emissions into the air at this site and four land use permits.

The Council's monitoring programme for the year under review included four inspections and one biomonitoring surveys of the receiving waters. The ambient air quality survey was not undertaken due to equipment malfunctions.

The sampling undertaken by the Company showed that the discharge from the site would be compliant with consent conditions in relation to suspended solids, total recoverable hydrocarbons and free chlorine. However, it is noted that samples taken from within the pond found pH levels were above consent limits on several occasions. Council is working with the Company to understand if there are any potential effects to groundwater.

The monitoring showed that there was no evidence that any discharges from the JRPP had caused any recent detrimental impacts on the macroinvertebrate communities of the Mangorei Stream.

There were no unauthorised incidents recording non-compliance in respect of this consent holder during the period under review.

For reference, in the 2022-2023 year, consent holders were found to achieve a high level of environmental 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.

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 that are held by Nova Energy Ltd (the Company) . The consents were initially held by Todd Generation Ltd but were transferred to Nova Energy Ltd on 1 June 2022. The Company operates two 50 MW power output gas turbine Peaker Power Plants situated on Junction Road, in the Waiwhakaiho catchment.

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 abstractions and discharges of water within the Waiwhakaiho catchment, and the air discharge permit held by the Company to cover emissions to air from the site. This report is the 3rd annual report to be prepared by the Council to cover the Company's air, land and water discharges and their effects.

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 the Company in the Waiwhakaiho catchment;
- the nature of the monitoring programme in place for the period under review; and
- a description of the activities and operations conducted in the Company's site/catchment.

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 and administrative performance

Besides discussing the various details of the performance and extent of compliance by the consent holder, 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 environmental 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.¹

1.2 Process description

The JRPP occupies a site area of approximately 2.5 ha (Figure 1). The JRPP came into commercial operation on the 15 May 2020, following a commissioning period in March of the same year. This facility utilises open cycle gas turbine technology, based on aero-derivative gas turbines. Two turbine units are located side by side, these deliver a nominal 50 MW power output each (i.e. 100 MW in total), and are fired through the combustion of natural gas (approximately 80% methane).

The JRPP is run as a 'mid merit' installation, providing a peaking operation to meet the peaks of the country's electricity demand profile, and as an occasional base load unit during periods of extended demand. The peaking operation relates to short run times for daily peak electricity demands, typically from 7.00 am - 9.00 am and from 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm. The plant may run for extended periods when power supply from renewable energy sources, such as wind turbines and hydro power stations, is not sufficient to meet the country's power demand.

¹ 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

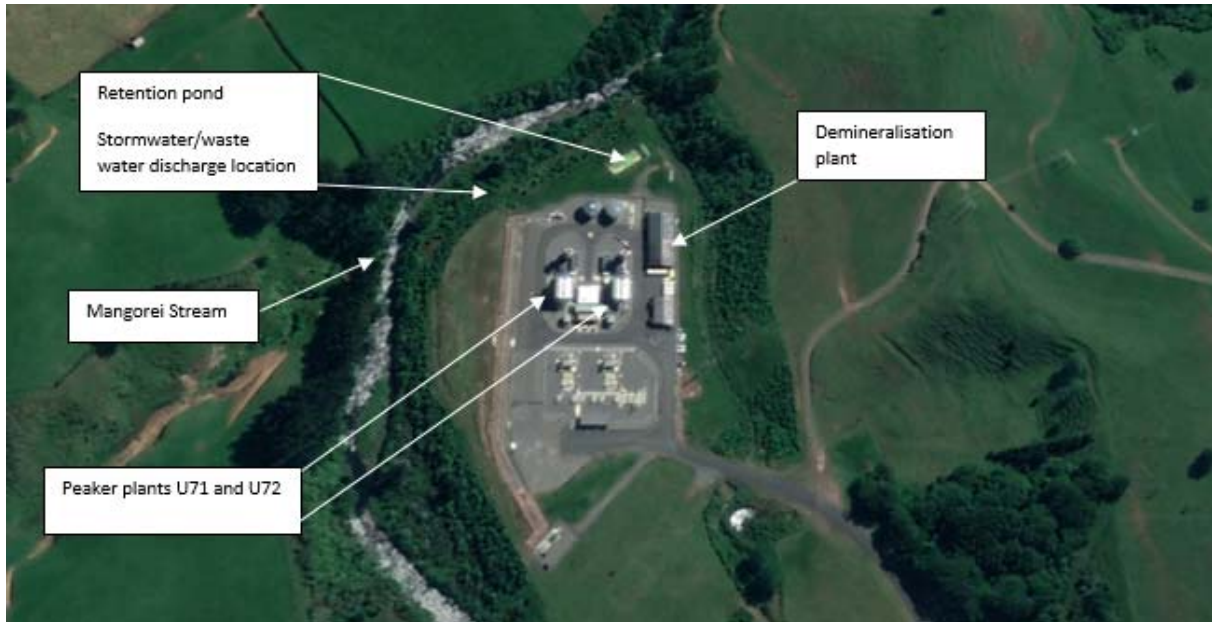


Figure 1 Birds eye view of the JRPP site State Highway 3 and the Mangorei Stream

The nature of peaker plant operations means that electricity production and the associated discharges and emissions will not be constant, as the JRPP will be dormant for periods of time.

1.2.1 Water discharges

There is a single point source discharge from the site into the Mangorei Stream while the JRPP is operational. This discharge will contain both onsite stormwater and wastewater from the onsite demineralisation plant discussed in Section 1.2.1.2.

The Company combines both onsite stormwater and wastewater within the stormwater retention pond system prior to discharge. The system consists of two ponds with a total volume of approximately 250 m³. The first pond is lined and intended to trap and retain sediment. This is de-silted on an as required basis. The second larger pond is unlined.

The size of the pond provides storage for a 10% annual exceedance rainfall event (AEP) event. The maximum discharge rate from the pond during large rainfall events is 1,060 L/s as this is dictated by the size of the outfall pipe (750 mm). However, there is also provision for the pond to overflow via a spillway structure to a discharge swale (i.e. bypassing the 750 mm discharge pipe).

At the time of the application it was indicated that, as a result of stormwater inputs to the pond, the discharge rate from the pond to the Mangorei Stream would be highly variable as it would depend on the weather conditions. Monitoring over the past two years has shown that the primary means of stormwater/wastewater discharge is via evaporation and soakage to land, as the Council has yet to observe the stormwater retention pond discharging directly to the Mangorei Stream.



Photo 1 Stormwater sediment/retention ponds system

1.2.1.1 Stormwater

All stormwater flows from within the site are directed to the retention pond before discharging to the Mangorei Stream. Any stormwater flows from outside of this area are directed around the site.

The following two independent stormwater systems deal with onsite stormwater:

- A 'clean' stormwater system; and
- A separate 'dirty' or 'potentially contaminated' stormwater system.

The clean stormwater system drains all clean site areas and pavement surfaces within the site, and directs this water to the stormwater retention pond.

The potentially contaminated stormwater system (oily water system) drains via a proprietary multiple-stage interceptor system that is used to ensure any oil contamination of the stormwater outputs is below the consent limit (<15 mg/L). This system treats flows from all of the potentially contaminated stormwater areas, site washdown water, and firewater from areas where oil is used within plant equipment. These areas also include the gas turbine auxiliaries (lube oil tanks, hydraulic tank, and fin fan cooler) as well as the main transformers (switchyard), and any other area that requires bunding. Any spillages or leaks that occur within the bunded areas are able to be contained for recovery and appropriate off-site disposal.

The polished stormwater from the interceptor system is directed to the stormwater retention pond system following treatment.

1.2.1.2 Wastewater

The demineralisation plant processes water taken directly from the reticulated municipal supply line for New Plymouth city. This water is required for gas turbine power augmentation and NO_x control, and this process produces the primary wastewater discharge from the site.

Output water from the demineralisation process is split into two streams, the pure demineralised water is used within the turbines, and the reject water is piped directly to the adjacent perimeter drain. The reject water is water that has passed through the demineralisation plant, but has not reached sufficient purity for use in the turbines.

The maximum rate of wastewater discharge from the demineralisation process to the retention pond is 10 L/s, with the average daily discharge rate for the majority of the year being approximately 3 L/s. During the winter months there will generally be a higher level of discharge, approximately 5-10 L/s for several days, or possibly weeks during a dry year.

In situations where there has been no rainfall for prolonged periods of time, the demineralisation plant wastewater may be discharged without stormwater dilution. However in most cases, the wastewater stream will be diluted to varying degrees by uncontaminated site stormwater.

Although plant operations will be intermittent, discharges from the stormwater retention pond may occur during dormant plant conditions. This discharge would typically consist of stormwater or stormwater including small quantities of residual wastewater.

1.3 Resource consents

The Company holds six resource consents for the site that are monitored under this programme, 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. Copies of the permits held that were held by the Company during the period under review are also included in Appendix I.

Table 1 Resource consents held by the Company

Consent number	Purpose	Granted	Review	Expires
<i>Water discharge permits</i>				
9383-1.1	To discharge treated stormwater and wastewater from the Junction Road Power Plant into the Mangorei Stream	September 2017	June 2026	June 2033
<i>Air discharge permit</i>				
9402-1.1	To discharge emissions into the air arising from combustion of natural gas and other activities associated with the operation of the Junction Road Power Plant	September 2017	June 2026	June 2033
<i>Land use permits</i>				
9384-1.1	To install and use a stormwater outlet structure in the Mangorei Stream	April 2017	June 2026	June 2033
9385-1.0	To realign an unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream	July 2013	June 2026	June 2033
10217-1.0	To install a culvert in an unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream, including associated disturbance of the streambed	February 2016	June 2026	June 2032
10374-1.0	To install a culvert in an unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream, including associated disturbances of the stream bed	December 2016	June 2026	June 2032

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 JRPP site 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 JRPP site was visited on four occasions during the monitoring period. 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 focus 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 the Company 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.

In previous years annual instrumental monitoring was undertaken to measure ambient concentrations of carbon monoxide, combustible gases, and fine particulate matter. Due to equipment malfunctions the monitoring was not conducted. A qualitative assessment of likely offsite concentrations based on previous monitoring results is presented in section 2.1.4 Results of receiving environment monitoring. Originally it was proposed that discharge and Mangorei Stream samples would be collected on a quarterly basis throughout the monitoring period. Under extreme heavy rainfall there is some potential for this stormwater pond to discharge by cascading over rip rack rock formation, to the Mangorei Stream, however, to date the Council has not observed the system discharging. Due to the site setup, it has become apparent that the process waters that flow in to the large stormwater retention pond predominantly evaporate or soak to land.

Although there is provision for discharge and receiving water samples to be collected, none were collected during the year under review due to the factors outlined above.

1.4.4 Biomonitoring surveys

Biological surveys were performed on one occasion in the Mangorei Stream. This was to determine whether or not the discharge of stormwater and process effluent from the site has had a detrimental effect upon the communities of the stream. The second biological survey was not undertaken due to weather and Council staff resourcing constraints in the monitoring year.

2 Results

2.1 Water

2.1.1 Inspections

JRPP was inspected on four separate occasions during the 2021-2022 monitoring period. These Inspections were carried out on 26 July 2022, 11 April 2023, 9 June 2023 and 6 July 2023. All inspections were carried out around the perimeter of the site.

The site appeared to be well maintained and tidy, with no signs of spills. All previous earthworks appeared to be stable and showed no signs of erosion. The stormwater system appeared to be functioning well with it noted that the stormwater pond was at a low level in the pond on three occasions and about 75% full on one occasion.

The pond was not discharging at the time of any of the inspections therefore no discharge or receiving water samples were collected. The stormwater outfall appeared to be intact and well vegetated. There were no obvious effects on the receiving water. There were no issues with odour either onsite site or beyond the boundary perimeter.

2.1.2 Results of discharge monitoring

Consent 9383-1.1, condition 5 requires the discharge to meet the following parameters:

Table 2 Consent 9383-1.1 condition 5 discharge parameters

Constituent	Standard
pH	Within the range 6-9
Suspended solids	< 100 g/m ³
Total recoverable hydrocarbons	< 15 g/m ³
Free chlorine	<0.1 g/m ³

No discharge or stream samples were collected by the Council this monitoring period, as the site was not discharging at the time of the inspections.

Samples were collected by the Company from the large stormwater retention pond on 13 occasions. The results of this sampling are shown in Table 3.

The sample results supplied by the Company indicate the stormwater/waste water contained in the pond complied with the suspended solids, total recoverable hydrocarbons and free chlorine limits on the consent on all sampling occasions. The pH was slightly above consent limits on a number of occasions within the pond but it is unlikely that there was a discharge from the pond.

Table 3 Results supplied by the Company for their retention pond sampling

Date	Condy @ 25°C (µS/cm)	Temp (°C)	Total Chlorine (mg/L)	pH	Turbidity (NTU)	Total Suspended solids (mg/L)	Colour	UV (Absorbance)	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons mg/L
6/07/2022	161.7	12.0	< 0.01	7.49	1.65	2.0	18.0	0.042	
6/07/2022	161.7	12.0	< 0.01	7.49	1.65	2.0	18.0	0.042	
20/07/2022	218.4	14.6	< 0.01	8.71	2.50	3.0	6.0	0.033	

Date	Condy @ 25°C (µS/cm)	Temp (°C)	Total Chlorine (mg/L)	pH	Turbidity (NTU)	Total Suspended solids (mg/L)	Colour	UV (Absorbance)	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons mg/L
3/08/2022	161.0	13.3	< 0.01	7.98	2.13	2.0	12.0	0.024	
17/08/2022	236.0	13.4	< 0.01	8.83	1.50	2.0	13.0	0.034	< 0.50
24/08/2022	85.1	14.0	< 0.01	7.20	4.10	7.0	42.0	0.055	
31/08/2022	135.1	15.6	< 0.01	9.33	3.70	4.0	26.0	0.056	
6/09/2022	116.0	12.6	< 0.01		2.34	3.0	24.0	0.051	
14/09/2022	189.9	15.8	< 0.01	9.07	2.70	3.0	21.0	0.048	
20/09/2022	99.6	18.4	< 0.01	9.04	2.20	3.0	24.0	0.053	
12/10/2022	132.2	16.2	0.01	9.25	2.17	3.5	25.0	0.068	< 0.50
26/10/2022	92.0	16.9	0.01	7.11	4.80	6.0	48.0	0.137	
9/11/2022	167.9	20.2	0.01	8.61	0.60	1.0	8.0	0.027	
15/11/2022	165.7	27.9	0.01	9.29	1.70	1.0	15.0	0.069	
23/11/2022	78.2	20.5	< 0.01	8.07	2.10	3.0	29.0	0.058	
29/11/2022	102.2	19.7	< 0.01	9.05	2.10	3.0	29.0	0.059	
6/12/2022	152.8	24.3	< 0.01	8.97	4.60	6.0	72.0	0.110	
21/12/2022	108.3	25.7	< 0.01	8.68	1.42	2.0	21.0	0.052	
1/01/2023	153.9	22.1	< 0.01	7.86	0.88	1.0	11.0	0.037	
18/01/2023	259.0	28.2	< 0.01	8.89	1.49	2.0	20.0	0.070	< 0.50
25/01/2023	493.0	28.2	< 0.01	8.11	1.02	2.0	25.0	0.071	
1/02/2023	384.0	23.6	< 0.01	8.24	3.50	3.0	28.0	0.079	
8/02/2023	100.3	23.8	< 0.01	7.73	0.94	1.0	18.0	0.053	
15/02/2023	164.8	23.5	< 0.01	7.58	2.04	4.0	28.0	0.075	
1/03/2023	479.0	23.2	< 0.01	8.66	0.67	1.0	13.0	0.047	
8/03/2023	551.0	19.7	< 0.01	8.46	0.62	1.0	11.0	0.045	
15/03/2023	411.0	21.3	< 0.01	8.54	0.86	2.0	15.0	0.053	
22/03/2023	293.0	18.3	< 0.01	8.71	1.83	3.0	17.0	0.061	
29/03/2023	381.0	16.5	< 0.01	9.10	3.28	7.0	34.0	0.068	
5/04/2023	357.0	18.9	< 0.01	9.21	1.13	2.0	16.0	0.056	
12/04/2023	10.5	18.2	< 0.01	7.64	2.30	4.0	26.0	0.059	
18/04/2023	84.5	19.1	< 0.01	9.58	2.10	2.0	24.0	0.058	
26/04/2023	142.9	18.6	< 0.01	7.83	1.47	1.5	21.0	0.055	< 0.50
3/05/2023	315.0	17.8	< 0.01	8.52	0.90	1.0	13.0	0.048	
10/05/2023	87.2	16.3	< 0.01	7.32	2.62	3.0	34.0	0.076	
17/05/2023	252.0	13.9	< 0.01	8.56	0.83	1.0	18.0	0.041	
24/05/2023	192.3	14.6	< 0.01	7.98	1.07	1.0	14.0	0.040	

Date	Condy @ 25°C (µS/cm)	Temp (°C)	Total Chlorine (mg/L)	pH	Turbidity (NTU)	Total Suspended solids (mg/L)	Colour	UV (Absorbance)	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons mg/L
31/05/2023	220.0	15.0	< 0.01	9.15	1.08	1.0	14.0	0.040	
14/06/2023	231.0	9.8	< 0.01	8.60	1.31	2.0	15.0	0.029	
21/06/2023	401.0	11.5	< 0.01	8.54	0.24	1.0	9.0	0.026	

Key a samples collected from the small sediment pond

2.1.3 Biological monitoring

A biological monitoring survey was undertaken on one occasion this monitoring period. The survey was carried out during January 2023.

The Council's 'kick-sampling' technique was used at three sites to collect streambed macroinvertebrates from the Mangorei Stream on 17 January 2023 in relation to the Junction Road Power Plant (JRPP). This has provided data to assess any potential impacts the discharges from the Junction Road Power Plant have had on the macroinvertebrate communities of the stream. Samples were processed to provide each site's taxa richness (richness), Macroinvertebrate community index (MCI), and Semi quantitative macroinvertebrate community index (SQMCI) scores for each site.

Taxa richness at the two sites downstream ("impact" sites) from the Junction Road Power Plant was higher than the site upstream (the "control" site), and the two downstream sites were no different from the median obtained from past surveys. This suggests that there were no recent acute toxic discharges, which could dramatically lower taxa richness. MCI scores reflected "fair" health at "control" site 1 and "good" health at sites 2 and 3. A significant increase in MCI score was recorded between "control" site 1 and "impact" sites 2 and 3. SQMCI scores were not significantly different between sites and reflected "poor" macroinvertebrate health.

Overall, there is no observed decline in the health of macroinvertebrate communities downstream compared to upstream of the Junction Road Power Plant discharges. When considered in the context of all three metrics, the results of this survey indicate that the discharges from the Junction Road Power Plant have not caused any recent significant detrimental impacts on the macroinvertebrate communities of the Mangorei Stream.

Copies of biomonitoring reports for this site are available from the Council upon request.

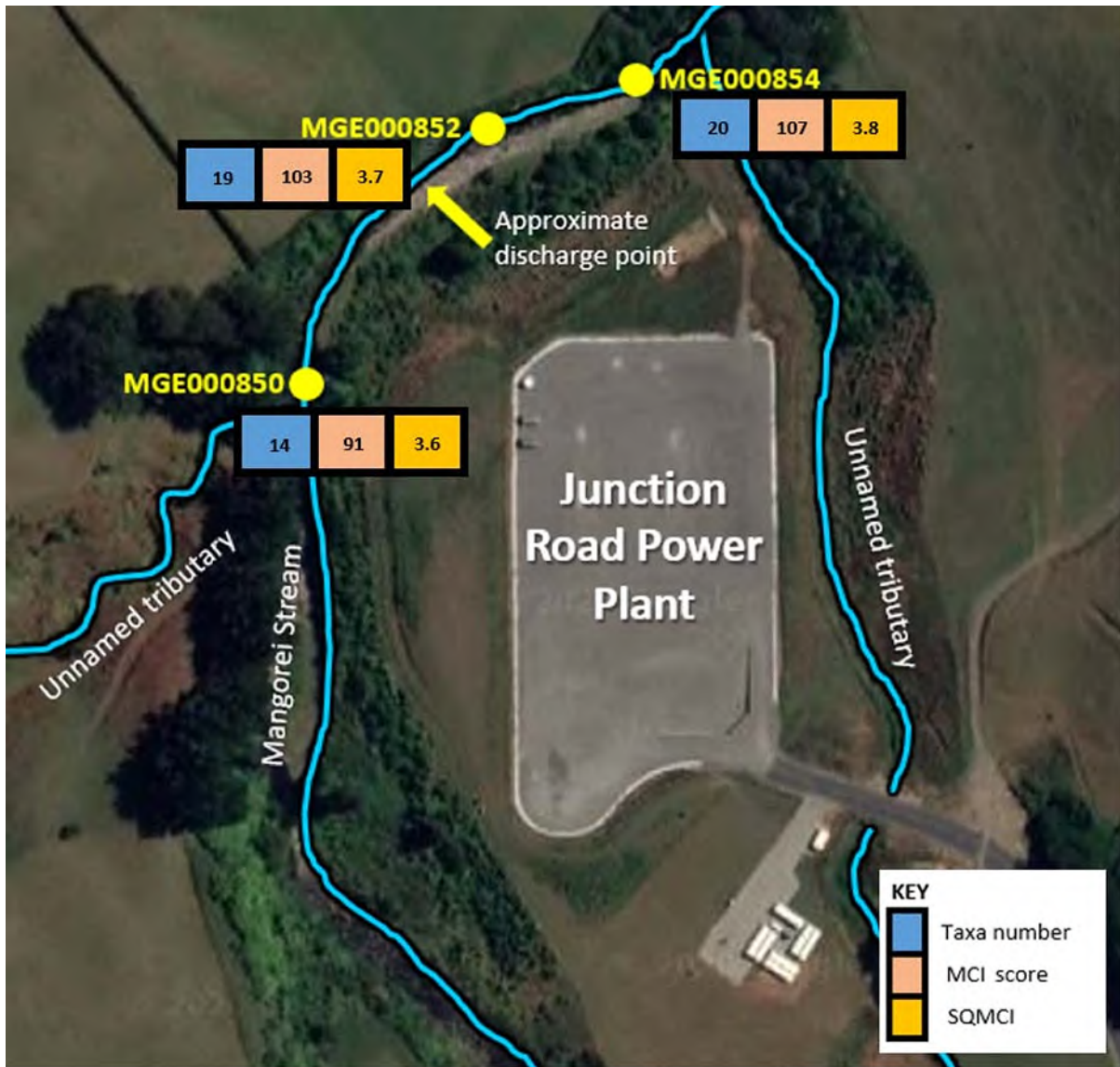


Figure 2 Biomonitoring sites in the Mangorei Stream sampled in relation to the Junction Road Power Plant with taxa number, MCI scores and SQMCI scores for each site

2.1.4 Results of receiving environment monitoring

Instrumental monitoring of ambient air quality was not undertaken this monitoring year due to equipment malfunctions. In previous years a MultiRae multi-gas meter was deployed for 48 hours in the vicinity to record concentrations of carbon monoxide (CO) and combustible gases. Additionally, a TSI DustTrak was deployed for 24 hours to measure concentrations of PM₁₀ (particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns). Instead, qualitative assessments of the likely off-site concentrations and potential effects of these hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) are presented below.

Carbon monoxide and combustible gases

Exposure to low level CO can cause nausea, dizziness, and disorientation. Higher levels of CO can cause coma, collapse and loss of consciousness. The National Environmental Standards for Air Quality (NES: AQ, MfE, 2004) includes an Ambient Air Quality Standard (AAQS) for exposure to CO of 10 mg/m³ averaged over an 8-hr period.

During monitoring last year the maximum instantaneous concentration of CO measured at the monitoring locations was 2.5 ppm (2.9 mg/m³), significantly lower than the AAQS limit of 10 mg/m³ (8-hour average)

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. Last year the instrument recorded methane at 0.1% of the LEL which is lower than the guideline value of 5%. This low result is to be expected given that methane will likely readily disperse over the distance between the source and the instrument.

There have not been any significant changes to activities on-site or scale of production and on this basis it is unlikely that the concentration of CO and percentage LEL at the monitoring site during this monitoring year would be significantly different than last year.

PM₁₀ particulate

PM₁₀ can enter deep into the lungs significantly reducing the exchange of gases across the lung walls. Inhalation of PM₁₀ at high concentrations can cause cardiovascular conditions such as asthma and chronic pulmonary diseases.

PM₁₀ is derived from multiple natural and anthropogenic sources including vehicle emissions, crustal matter and the combustion of fossil fuels. The Junction Road Power station combusts natural gas which typically produces negligible quantities of PM₁₀. The 24-hour average result during last years' monitoring was 11.8 µg/m³ which is less than the AAQS limit of 50 µg/m³ (24-hour average). This is equivalent to background concentrations in rural areas of Taranaki indicating that On this basis the background concentration of PM₁₀ in the area is likely to be low and therefore discharges from the combustion of natural gas at the power station are not likely to cause ambient concentrations to approach the AAQS limit of 50 µg/m³ (24-hr average).

2.2 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 the Company. 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

2022-2023 marks the third monitoring year for the JRPP. Operations commenced 15 May 2020, post the commissioning stage undertaken in March of the same year. Notifications and data required by consent were provided. The site appeared well managed, with good housekeeping prevalent during the inspection undertaken this period. This is similarly noted in subsequent inspections undertaken up to and including the 2022-2023 monitoring period.

The facility is not required to run for a sustained period of time. As a peaking power plant it typically operates during periods of peak power usage, these are generally in the mornings and evenings. However, peaking may occur at any time. For example, during a dry period, when hydro dam levels are low, the facility may work for a sustained period of time. Likewise, during calm weather, the plant may be called upon, due to low electricity output from windfarms.

After three years of operation, it has been concluded that the majority of the stormwater/wastewater from the pond is discharged via soakage to land, rather than by discharge to the stream. With this in mind, it is unlikely that the Council will be able to obtain samples of the discharges to the stream, however, it is worthwhile collecting samples of the retained water in the pond at the time of inspection. It was also proposed that interlab samples be collected for comparison with the Company's self-monitoring. The sampling undertaken by the Company showed that the discharge from the site would be compliant with consent conditions in relation to suspended solids, total recoverable hydrocarbons and free chlorine. However, it is noted that samples taken from within the pond found pH levels were above consent limits on several occasions. Council is working with the Company to understand if there are any potential effects to groundwater.

Overall, there were no issues from a performance perspective in relation to the Company in this monitoring period.

3.2 Environmental effects of exercise of consents

Minimal environmental effects were noted during the monitoring of the JRPP site in the 2022-2023 monitoring period. Samples have not been collected from the Mangorei Stream for physicochemical analysis as the facility has not been observed to be discharging to the stream from the retention pond.

As outlined above, the water discharges from the site appear to be via land soakage and evaporation. Although, to date, the system has not been seen to discharge through the overflow discharge pipe, on to the rock rip rap and into swale, prior to the Mangorei Stream, a sample will be taken if the discharge is found to be occurring in subsequent inspection rounds. This will likely occur during periods of sustained operation, and future communication with the Company will occur in order to try to target such events. It is noted that the wastewater sample analysed by the Company and provided to the Council was compliant with the consent.

From a biological monitoring perspective, one round was undertaken in the Mangorei Stream in this monitoring period.

The conclusion from the Council's biologist was as follows:

Overall, there is no observed decline in the health of macroinvertebrate communities downstream compared to upstream of the Junction Road Power Plant discharges. When considered in the context of all three metrics, the results of this survey indicate that the discharges from the Junction Road Power Plant have not caused any recent significant detrimental impacts on the macroinvertebrate communities of the Mangorei Stream.

From an air quality perspective, the stack emissions from both turbine units were tested by General Electric during the commissioning stage of the plant in March 2020. The results, were within specification of the manufacturer's guarantee when operated at full load. Atmospheric dispersion modelling was used in the consent application to assess the off-site concentrations of nitrogen dioxide, CO and PM₁₀. Based on stack emissions data the model predicted that off-site concentrations of all pollutants were substantially lower the relevant human health-based assessment criteria. On this basis it can be assumed that discharges from the JRPP comply with the relevant consent limits and are not likely to cause adverse human health effects. Additionally, there are no people in the vicinity of the plant which might be exposed to elevated concentrations of pollutants as a result of the plant's discharges.

3.3 Evaluation of performance

A tabular summary of the consent holder's compliance record for the year under review is set out in Table 4 to

Table 8.

Table 4 Summary of performance for consent 9383-1.1

Purpose: To discharge treated stormwater and wastewater from the Junction Road Power Plant		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option	Inspections	Yes
2. The stormwater discharged shall be from a catchment area not exceeding 2.5 ha	Inspection and online calculation	Yes
3. All stormwater shall pass through a treatment system that includes a settlement pond with a capacity of no less than 250 m ³	Inspections	Yes
4. Except as provided in the condition 5 contaminants in the discharge shall be in general accordance with the application	Inspections	Yes
5. Discharge constituents should not exceed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pH 6-9 • Suspended solids • <100 g/m³ • Recoverable hydrocarbons <15 g/m³ • Free chlorine <0.01 g/m³ 	Sampling of discharge provided by Company from wastewater pond	Yes Though several pH readings from the pond were above consent limits and likely discharging to groundwater. This is under investigation.

Purpose: To discharge treated stormwater and wastewater from the Junction Road Power Plant		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
6. Post mixing zone of 25 m the following effects should not occur: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production of any conspicuous oil and grease or films, floatable or suspended material • Any conspicuous change in colour or visual clarity • Any emission objectionable odour • Freshwater unsuitable for consumption of animals • Significant adverse effects of aquatic life 	Sampling of discharge not possible as no discharges to the stream at the time of inspection.	N/A
7. Prepare, maintain, adhere and provide a Contingency Plan to the Council	Plan received by Council 26 November 2020. No updates required.	Yes
8. Prepare, maintain, adhere and provide a stormwater management plan to the Council	Plan received by Council 19 November 2020. No updates required.	Yes
9. Notification of changes to plant processes		N/A
10. Undertake and maintain riparian fencing and planting	Inspections	Not assessed in the period under review
11. Riparian to be undertaken in accordance with the following programme	Inspections	Not assessed in the period under review
12. Lapse condition	Consent in effect	Yes
13. Review condition		N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		Good
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

N/A = not applicable

Table 5 Summary of performance for consent 9402-1.1

Purpose: To discharge emission in to the air arising from combustion of natural gas and other activities associated with the operation of the Junction Road Power Plant		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. The consent holder shall at all times adopt the best practicable option	Inspections and review of Council records	Yes

Purpose: To discharge emission in to the air arising from combustion of natural gas and other activities associated with the operation of the Junction Road Power Plant		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
2. Six yearly report requirement Technological advances Inventory of emissions Documentation demonstrating emission contaminants is the minimum which can be achieved Energy efficiency of the power plant	Report provided November 2021	Yes
3. Consent holder control CO, NO ₂ , PM10 and SO ₂ so that maximum ground level does not exceed NES Air Quality	Inspection and monitoring undertaken for CO and PM10. Reports provided November 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stack testing at peak load during commissioning stage (March 2020) undertaken by General Electric This indicated the ambient air quality was in compliance with NES and AAQS guidelines as defined by modelling undertaken by Golder (September 2021) 	Yes
4. The consent holder shall control all emissions to the atmosphere from the site of contaminants other than those expressly provided for under special condition 3	Inspections	Yes
5. The minimum height of discharge of the products of combustion from the turbines shall be 18 m above ground level	Inspections	Yes
6. The discharges authorised by this consent shall not give rise to any direct significant adverse ecological effect on any ecosystems effects of aquatic life	Inspections	Yes
7. Review condition	Review not required	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

Table 6 Summary of performance for consent 9384-1.1

Purpose: To install and use a stormwater outlet structure in the Mangorei Stream		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. Structure to be constructed in general accordance with original plans submitted by BTW	Inspections	Yes
2. Consent holder to notify the Council 48 hours prior to exercise of consent and 48 hours prior to subsequent maintenance works	Report provided November 2020	Yes
3. The consent holder shall take all practicable steps to minimise sedimentation and increased turbidity of the stream during the construction, implementation and maintenance of the works, including <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. completing all works in the minimum time practicable; b. avoiding placement of excavated material in the flowing channel; c. keeping machinery out of the actively flowing channel, as far as practicable; and d. undertaking works during times of low flow 	Inspections and notifications	Yes
4. The discharge pipe shall have a diameter no less than 375 mm	Inspections	Yes
5. The lower 5 m (vertical) of the rock riprap shall have the following grading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% less than 1000 mm diameter; • 50% greater than 750 mm diameter; and • 90% greater than 450 mm diameter 	Inspections	Yes
6. The depth of the rock riprap shall be at least 1.2 m	Inspections	Yes
7. The consent holder shall ensure that the area and volume of stream bed disturbance is, as far as practicable, minimised and any areas that are disturbed are, as far as practicable, reinstated	Inspections	Yes
8. Except with the written agreement of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, the structure(s) authorised by this consent shall be removed and the area reinstated, if and when the structure is no longer required. A further resource consent may be required to authorise the removal of the structure, and the consent holder is advised to seek advice from the Taranaki Regional Council on this matter	Notification	N/A
9. In the event that any archaeological remains are discovered as a result of works authorised by this consent, the works shall cease immediately at the affected site and tangata whenua and the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, shall be notified within one working day	Notification	N/A

Purpose: To install and use a stormwater outlet structure in the Mangorei Stream		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
10. The works shall remain the responsibility of the consent holder and be maintained so that any erosion, scour or instability of the stream bed or banks that is attributable to the works carried out under this consent, is remedied by the consent holder	Inspections and notification	N/A
11. Lapse condition	In effect	N/A
12. Review condition	Review not required	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

Table 7 Summary of performance for consent 9385-1

Purpose: To realign an unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. This consent authorises the permanent diversion of the full stream flow through a reconstructed channel, and reclamation of the existing stream channel between grid references	Inspections	Yes
2. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, in writing at least 48 hours prior to the exercise of this consent and again at least 48 hours prior to and upon completion of any subsequent maintenance works which would involve disturbance of or deposition to the river bed or discharges to water	Notification received	Yes
3. The consent holder shall take all practicable steps to minimise sedimentation and increased turbidity of the stream during the construction, implementation and maintenance of the works, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. completing all works in the minimum time practicable; b. avoiding placement of excavated material in the flowing channel; c. keeping machinery out of the actively flowing channel, as far as practicable; and d. undertaking works during times of low flow 	Inspections	Yes
4. As far as practicable, excavation of the reconstructed channel shall be completed prior to diverting the flow	Inspections	Yes
5. Instream silt control measures (such as hay bales) shall be placed in the unnamed tributary directly downstream of the realignment. The silt control measures may only be removed once the rock rip rap has been placed in the new channel and the tributary has stabilised	Inspections	Yes

Purpose: To realign an unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
6. The consent holder shall ensure that the passage of fish is not impeded, as far as practicable, during the works. If any fish are stranded due to the works, the consent holder shall ensure that these are placed back in the active flowing part of the channel as soon as practicable	Inspections	Yes
7. The consent holder shall place rock rip rap armouring at both ends of the realignment (i.e. where the new channel meets the old channel). Rock rip rap shall be placed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> on the banks of the channel, over a minimum length of 3 metres and a minimum height of 1 metre vertical; and in the bed of the channel, across the full width of the channel (flush with bed level), and for a minimum length of 3 m 	Inspections	Yes
8. Rock rip rap shall have the following grading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% less than 750 mm diameter; 50% greater than 550 mm diameter; and 90% greater than 300 mm diameter 	Inspections	Yes
9. On completion of the realignment work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the banks of the reconstructed channel shall have a slope no steeper than 1 m horizontal to 1 m vertical; the bed of the reconstructed channel shall be no less than 1 m wide and shall be at an appropriate grade so as to provide for fish passage; the reconstructed channel shall, as far as practicable, replicate the existing stream features such as pools, riffle, and runs by the placement of cobbles and boulders in the bed; and the reconstructed channel shall have a capacity to carry flood flows that is no less than the original stream channel 	Inspections	Yes
10. Subject to the agreement of the landowner and in conjunction with other consents for the site, the consent holder shall undertake and maintain fencing and riparian planting in accordance with the Riparian Management Plan for the property, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> along both sides of the unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream for the entire length of the section realigned; and along 360 m of the true right bank of the Mangorei Stream, from immediately upstream of the confluence of the Mangorei Stream and the unnamed tributary 	Not assessed	N/A
11. The fencing and riparian planting required under condition 10 above shall be carried out in accordance with the following programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mangorei Stream completion date Oct 2014 Unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream 	Not assessed	N/A

Purpose: To realign an unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
12. In the event that any archaeological remains are discovered as a result of works authorised by this consent, the works shall cease immediately at the affected site and tangata whenua and the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, shall be notified within one working day	No notification in this monitoring period	N/A
13. All earthwork areas shall be stabilised as soon as is practicable immediately following completion of soil disturbance activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of stabilised provided 	Inspections	Yes
14. The works shall remain the responsibility of the consent holder and be maintained so that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any erosion, scour or instability of the stream bed or banks that is attributable to the works carried out as part of this consent is remedied by the consent holder; and • fish passage is not impeded 	Inspections	Yes
15. No vegetation shall be buried within 20 m of the stream	Inspections	Yes
16. Lapse condition	In effect	N/A
17. Review condition	Review not required	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

Table 8 Summary of performance for consent 10217-1.0

Purpose: To install a culvert in an unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream, including associated bed disturbance		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. This consent authorises the installation of a culvert between approximate grid references reconstructed channel, and reclamation of the existing stream channel between grid references	Inspections	Yes
2. The culvert shall be designed to pass a flow of at least 6.9 m ³ /s	Not assessed	N/A
3. The consent holder shall ensure that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the erosion protection includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> aprons at the culvert inlet and outlet of the culvert; and precast or rock rip rap headwalls on the banks surrounding the culvert inlet and outlet; and the rock rip rap is placed on a slope no steeper than 1.5:1, with a thickness of no less than twice the D50 size of the rock 	Inspections	Yes

Purpose: To install a culvert in an unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream, including associated bed disturbance		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
4. No less than 1 month prior to the commencement of works, the consent holder shall submit to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, a detailed design for the proposed culvert in compliance with conditions 2 and 3 above. The information provided with the design shall include, as a minimum: a) the culvert location, in NZTM coordinates; b) the culvert diameter; c) the fill over the culvert; d) the erosion protection measures and their extents: e) at the inlet and outlet of the culvert; and f) in the bed and banks of the stream	Provided in November 2016	Yes
5. The culvert and associated structures shall be constructed in accordance with approved design provided to fulfil the requirements of condition 1 of this consent	Inspections	Yes
6. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, in writing at least 2 working days prior to the commencement of work	Inspections	Yes
7. Any concrete work carried out in the river bed shall be completely separated from running water, by a temporary coffer-dam and/or diversion using sand bags or some other form of contained of fill	Not required currently	N/A
8. The consent holder shall ensure that any concrete placed in the channel is not exposed to flowing water for a period of 48 hours after it has been placed	Not assessed	N/A
9. Between 1 May and 31 October no work shall be undertaken on any part of the stream bed that is covered by water	Inspections, no work notification received in this period	N/A
10. The consent holder shall take all practicable steps to minimise stream bed disturbance, sedimentation and increased turbidity during installation of the culvert, including by: a) completing all works in the minimum time practicable; b) avoiding placement of excavated material in the flowing channel; c) keeping machinery out of the actively flowing channel, as far as practicable; and d) reinstating any disturbed areas as far as practicable	Inspections	Yes
11. The culvert shall not restrict fish passage	Inspections	Yes
12. The invert of the culvert shall be set below the existing streambed by at least 20% of the culvert diameter so that it fills with bed material and simulates the natural bed	Inspections	Yes

Purpose: To install a culvert in an unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream, including associated bed disturbance		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
13. The gradient of the culvert shall be no steeper than the natural gradient of the stream bed at the site	Inspections	Yes
14. On completion of works, the banks of the channel upstream and downstream of the culvert shall be no steeper than the existing natural banks. Where the bank consists of fill, the fill must be well compacted with batter slopes no steeper than 2 horizontal to 1 vertical	Inspections	Yes
15. The culvert shall remain the responsibility of the consent holder and be maintained so that: a) it does not become blocked, and at all times allows the free flow of water through it; and b) the consent holder repairs any erosion, scour or instability of the stream bed or banks that the culvert causes	Inspections	Yes
16. In the event that any archaeological remains are discovered as a result of works authorised by this consent, the works shall cease immediately at the affected site and tangata whenua and the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, shall be notified within one working day	None communicated	N/A
17. Lapse condition	In effect	N/A
18. Review condition	Review not required	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		High High

Table 9 Summary of performance for consent 10374-1.0

Purpose: To install a culvert in an unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream, including associated bed disturbance		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
1. The culvert shall be constructed in accordance with drawing numbers 280-31050-07 and 280-31050-17 and provided with the application. In the case of any contradiction between the drawing(s) and the conditions of this consent, the conditions of this consent shall prevail	Not assessed	N/A
2. The culvert pipe shall have a diameter no less than 1.8 m and be no longer than 15 m	Not assessed	N/A
3. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, in writing at least 2 working days prior to the commencement of work	None received	Yes

Purpose: To install a culvert in an unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream, including associated bed disturbance		
Condition requirement	Means of monitoring during period under review	Compliance achieved?
4. Between 1 May and 31 October no work shall be undertaken on any part of the stream bed that is covered by water	No works undertaken	Yes
5. The consent holder shall take all practicable steps to minimise stream bed disturbance, sedimentation and increased turbidity during installation of the culvert	Not assessed	N/A
6. A layer of rock riprap 1500 mm thick shall be installed in the stream bed. The riprap shall extend at least 12 m downstream of the culvert outlet and 12 m upstream of the culvert inlet	Not assessed	N/A
7. The culvert shall not restrict fish passage	Not assessed	N/A
8. Within 3 months of the culvert being installed, the consent holder shall install sections of rock material on the floor of the culvert for the purpose of retaining bed material on the culvert floor and simulating a natural stream bed	Not assessed	N/A
9. The gradient of the culvert shall be no steeper than the natural gradient of the stream bed at the site	Not assessed	N/A
10. On completion of works, the banks of the channel upstream and downstream of the culvert shall be no steeper than the existing natural banks	Not assessed	N/A
11. The culvert shall remain the responsibility of the consent holder and be maintained so that: it does not become blocked, and at all times allows the free flow of water through it; and the consent holder repairs any erosion, scour or instability of the stream bed or banks that the culvert causes	Inspections	Yes
12. In the event that any archaeological remains are discovered as a result of works authorised by this consent, the works shall cease immediately at the affected site and tangata whenua and the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, shall be notified within one working day	Not assessed	N/A
13. Lapse condition	Not assessed	N/A
14. Review condition	Not assessed	N/A
Overall assessment of consent compliance and environmental performance in respect of this consent		High
Overall assessment of administrative performance in respect of this consent		High

Table 10 Evaluation of environmental performance over time

Year	Consent no	High	Good	Improvement req	Poor
2020-2021	10217-1	1			
	10374-1	1			
	9383-1	1			
	9384-1	1			
	9385-1	1			
	9402-1	1			
2021-2022	10217-1	1			
	10374-1	1			
	9383-1	1			
	9384-1	1			
	9385-1	1			
	9402-1	1			
2022-2023	10217-1	1			
	10374-1	1			
	9383-1		1		
	9384-1	1			
	9385-1	1			
	9402-1	1			
Totals		17	1	0	0

During the year, the Company demonstrated a high level of environmental and high level of administrative performance with the resource consents as defined in Appendix II.

3.4 Recommendations from the 2020-2021 Annual Report

In the 2020-2021 Annual Report, it was recommended:

1. THAT in the first instance, monitoring of consented activities at Company's facility in the 2022-2023 year continue at the same level as in 2021-2022.
2. THAT sampling of the stormwater in the retention pond be undertaken provided there is sufficient water to collect a sample, and that where possible this is taken as an Interlaboratory comparison sample.
3. 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.
4. THAT the Company include total recoverable hydrocarbons into their stormwater pond sampling regime.

Recommendations 1, 2 and 4 were implemented. Recommendation 3 was not required.

3.5 Alterations to monitoring programmes for 2022-2023

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.

Planned changes for 2022-2023 monitoring programme include making a provision for the collection of interlab samples from the stormwater retention pond. The remainder of the monitoring programme will remain unchanged from that undertaken in the 2021-2022 monitoring period.

It should be noted that the proposed programme represents a reasonable and risk-based level of monitoring for the site(s) 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 2022-2023.

4 Recommendations

1. THAT in the first instance, monitoring of consented activities at Company's facility in the 2023-2024 year continue at the same level as in 2022-2023.
2. THAT sampling of the stormwater in the retention pond continue to be undertaken provided there is sufficient water to collect a sample, and that where possible this is taken as an Interlaboratory comparison sample, and include total recoverable hydrocarbons in the stormwater sampling regime.
3. 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.

Glossary of common terms and abbreviations

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

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.
Condy	Conductivity, an indication of the level of dissolved salts in a sample, usually measured at 25°C and expressed in $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$.
Fresh	Elevated flow in a stream, such as after heavy rainfall.
g/m^3	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.
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.
m^2	Square Metres.
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.
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.
$\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$	Microsiemens per centimetre.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, a measure of the turbidity of water.
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_{10} , $\text{PM}_{2.5}$, $\text{PM}_{1.0}$	Relatively fine airborne particles (less than 10 or 2.5 or 1.0 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 or FNU.

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

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Appendix I

Resource consents held by Todd Generation Ltd and Nova Energy Ltd during the year under review

(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 Generation Taranaki Limited
Level 15
The Todd Building
95 Customhouse Quay
Wellington 6011

Decision Date
(Change): 12 September 2017

Commencement Date
(Change): 12 September 2017 (Granted Date: 24 July 2013)

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To discharge treated stormwater and wastewater from the
Junction Road Power Plant into the Mangorei Stream

Expiry Date: 1 June 2033

Review Date(s): June 2020, June 2026 and in accordance with special
condition 13

Site Location: Junction Road Power Plant
688 Junction Road, New Plymouth

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1695340E-5669748N

Catchment: Waiwhakaiho

Tributary: Mangorei

*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 2.5 hectares.
3. All stormwater shall pass through a treatment system that includes a settlement pond with a capacity of no less than 250 m³.
4. Except as provided for in condition 5 below, the levels of contaminants in the discharge shall be in general accordance with those stated in the application for this consent.
5. Constituents of the discharge shall meet the standards shown in the following table.

Constituent	Standard
pH	Within the range 6.0 to 9.0
suspended solids	Concentration not greater than 100 gm ⁻³
total recoverable hydrocarbons	Concentration not greater than 15 gm ⁻³
free chlorine	Concentration not greater than 0.1 gm ⁻³

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

6. 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 receiving water:
 - 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.

Consent 9383-1.1

7. Within three months of the granting of this consent, the consent holder shall prepare and 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.
8. Within three months of the granting of this consent, the consent holder shall prepare and maintain a stormwater management plan. This plan shall be followed at all times, shall be certified by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, and shall include but not necessarily be limited to:
 - a) details of the treatment system;
 - b) details of how the treatment system will be maintained; and
 - c) details of how the site will be managed to minimise the contaminants that become entrained in the stormwater.

Note: The stormwater management plan may be combined to include other stormwater discharges from the site.

9. 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. Notification shall include the consent number, a brief description of the activity consented and an assessment of the environmental effects of any changes, and be emailed to consents@trc.govt.nz.
10. Subject to the agreement of the landowner and in conjunction with other consents for the site, the consent holder shall undertake and maintain fencing and riparian planting in accordance with the Riparian Management Plan for the property, specifically:
 - along both sides of the unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream for the entire length of the section realigned in accordance with consent 9385-1; and
 - along 360 metres of the true right bank of the Mangorei Stream, from immediately upstream of the confluence of the Mangorei Stream and the unnamed tributary.
11. The fencing and riparian planting required under condition 10 above shall be carried out in accordance with the following programme:

Stream bank to be fenced and planted	Completion date
Mangorei Stream	1 October 2014
Unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream	First planting season following completion of works

Consent 9383-1.1

12. This consent shall lapse on 30 September 2023, 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.
13. 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 2020 and/or June 2026; and/or
 - b) within 3 months of receiving a notification under special condition 9 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 10 July 2018

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

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 Generation Taranaki Limited
Level 15
The Todd Building
95 Customhouse Quay
Wellington 6011

Decision Date (Change): 3 April 2017

Commencement Date (Change): 3 April 2017 (Granted Date: 23 July 2013)

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To install and use a stormwater outlet structure in the Mangorei Stream

Expiry Date: 1 June 2033

Review Date(s): June 2020, June 2026

Site Location: Junction Road Power Plant
688 Junction Road, New Plymouth

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1695340E-5669780N

Catchment: Waiwhakaiho

Tributary: Mangorei

*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 structure shall be constructed in general accordance with the plans prepared by BTW Company Limited titled "Nova Energy Limited SH3 Proposed Platform Stormwater Outlet", Drawing No. 280-31051-08, REV F. In the case of any contradiction between the drawing(s) and the conditions of this consent, the conditions of this consent shall prevail.
2. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, in writing at least 48 hours prior to the exercise of this consent and again at least 48 hours prior to and upon completion of any subsequent maintenance works which would involve disturbance of or deposition to the river bed or discharges to water. Notification shall include the consent number and a brief description of the activity consented and be emailed to worknotification@trc.govt.nz.
3. The consent holder shall take all practicable steps to minimise sedimentation and increased turbidity of the stream during the construction, implementation and maintenance of the works, including:
 - a) completing all works in the minimum time practicable;
 - b) avoiding placement of excavated material in the flowing channel;
 - c) keeping machinery out of the actively flowing channel, as far as practicable; and
 - d) undertaking works during times of low flow.
4. The discharge pipe shall have a diameter no less than 375 mm.
5. The lower 5 metres (vertical) of the rock riprap shall have the following grading:
 - 100% less than 1000 mm diameter;
 - 50% greater than 750 mm diameter; and
 - 90% greater than 450 mm diameter.
6. The depth of the rock riprap shall be at least 1.2 metres.
7. The consent holder shall ensure that the area and volume of stream bed disturbance is, as far as practicable, minimised and any areas that are disturbed are, as far as practicable, reinstated.
8. Except with the written agreement of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, the structure(s) authorised by this consent shall be removed and the area reinstated, if and when the structure is no longer required. A further resource consent may be required to authorise the removal of the structure, and the consent holder is advised to seek advice from the Taranaki Regional Council on this matter.

Consent 9384-1.1

9. In the event that any archaeological remains are discovered as a result of works authorised by this consent, the works shall cease immediately at the affected site and tangata whenua and the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, shall be notified within one working day. Works may recommence at the affected area when advised to do so by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council. Such advice shall be given after the Chief Executive has considered: tangata whenua interest and values, the consent holder's interests, the interests of the public generally, and any archaeological or scientific evidence. The New Zealand Police, Coroner, and Historic Places Trust shall also be contacted as appropriate, and the work shall not recommence in the affected area until any necessary statutory authorisations or consents have been obtained.
10. The works shall remain the responsibility of the consent holder and be maintained so that any erosion, scour or instability of the stream bed or banks that is attributable to the works carried out under this consent, is remedied by the consent holder.
11. This consent shall lapse on 30 September 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.
12. 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 2020 and/or June 2026, 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 10 July 2018

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

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 Generation Taranaki Limited
Level 15
The Todd Building
95 Customhouse Quay
Wellington 6011

Decision Date: 23 July 2013

Commencement Date: 23 July 2013

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To realign an unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream

Expiry Date: 1 June 2033

Review Date(s): June 2020, June 2026

Site Location: Junction Road Power Plant
688 Junction Road, New Plymouth

Grid Reference (NZTM) Between 1695519E-5669613N & 1695491E-5669748N

Catchment: Waiwhakaiho

Tributary: Mangorei

*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. This consent authorises the permanent diversion of the full stream flow through a reconstructed channel, and reclamation of the existing stream channel between grid references (NZTM) 1695491E-5669748N and 1695519E-5669613N.
2. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, in writing at least 48 hours prior to the exercise of this consent and again at least 48 hours prior to and upon completion of any subsequent maintenance works which would involve disturbance of or deposition to the river bed or discharges to water. Notification shall include the consent number and a brief description of the activity consented and be emailed to worknotification@trc.govt.nz.
3. The consent holder shall take all practicable steps to minimise sedimentation and increased turbidity of the stream during the construction, implementation and maintenance of the works, including:
 - a) completing all works in the minimum time practicable;
 - b) avoiding placement of excavated material in the flowing channel;
 - c) keeping machinery out of the actively flowing channel, as far as practicable; and
 - d) undertaking works during times of low flow.
4. As far as practicable, excavation of the reconstructed channel shall be completed prior to diverting the flow.
5. Instream silt control measures (such as hay bales) shall be placed in the unnamed tributary directly downstream of the realignment. The silt control measures may only be removed once the rock rip rap has been placed in the new channel and the tributary has stabilised.
6. The consent holder shall ensure that the passage of fish is not impeded, as far as practicable, during the works. If any fish are stranded due to the works, the consent holder shall ensure that these are placed back in the active flowing part of the channel as soon as practicable.
7. The consent holder shall place rock rip rap armouring at both ends of the realignment (i.e. where the new channel meets the old channel). Rock rip rap shall be placed:
 - on the banks of the channel, over a minimum length of 3 metres and a minimum height of 1 metre vertical; and
 - in the bed of the channel, across the full width of the channel (flush with bed level), and for a minimum length of 3 metres.

8. Rock rip rap shall have the following grading:
 - 100% less than 750 mm diameter;
 - 50% greater than 550 mm diameter; and
 - 90% greater than 300 mm diameter.
9. On completion of the realignment work:
 - the banks of the reconstructed channel shall have a slope no steeper than 1 metre horizontal to 1 metre vertical;
 - the bed of the reconstructed channel shall be no less than 1 metre wide and shall be at an appropriate grade so as to provide for fish passage;
 - the reconstructed channel shall, as far as practicable, replicate the existing stream features such as pools, riffle, and runs by the placement of cobbles and boulders in the bed; and
 - the reconstructed channel shall have a capacity to carry flood flows that is no less than the original stream channel.
10. Subject to the agreement of the landowner and in conjunction with other consents for the site, the consent holder shall undertake and maintain fencing and riparian planting in accordance with the Riparian Management Plan for the property, specifically:
 - along both sides of the unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream for the entire length of the section realigned; and
 - along 360 metres of the true right bank of the Mangorei Stream, from immediately upstream of the confluence of the Mangorei Stream and the unnamed tributary.
11. The fencing and riparian planting required under condition 10 above shall be carried out in accordance with the following programme:

Stream bank to be fenced and planted	Completion date
Mangorei Stream	1 October 2014
Unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream	First planting season following completion of works

12. In the event that any archaeological remains are discovered as a result of works authorised by this consent, the works shall cease immediately at the affected site and tangata whenua and the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, shall be notified within one working day. Works may recommence at the affected area when advised to do so by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council. Such advice shall be given after the Chief Executive has considered: tangata whenua interest and values, the consent holder's interests, the interests of the public generally, and any archaeological or scientific evidence. The New Zealand Police, Coroner, and Historic Places Trust shall also be contacted as appropriate, and the work shall not recommence in the affected area until any necessary statutory authorisations or consents have been obtained.

Consent 9385-1

13. All earthwork areas shall be stabilised as soon as is practicable immediately following completion of soil disturbance activities.

Note: For the purpose of this condition "stabilised" in relation to any site or area means inherently resistant to erosion or rendered resistant, such as by using indurated rock or by the application of basecourse, colluvium, grassing, mulch, or another method to the reasonable satisfaction of the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council and as specified in Taranaki Regional Council's Guidelines for Earthworks in the Taranaki Region, 2006. Where seeding or grassing is used on a surface that is not otherwise resistant to erosion, the surface is considered stabilised once, on reasonable visual inspection by an Investigating Officer, Taranaki Regional Council, an 80% vegetative cover has been established.

14. The works shall remain the responsibility of the consent holder and be maintained so that:

- a) any erosion, scour or instability of the stream bed or banks that is attributable to the works carried out as part of this consent is remedied by the consent holder; and
- b) fish passage is not impeded.

15. No vegetation shall be buried within 20 metres of the stream.

16. This consent shall lapse on 30 September 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.

17. 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 2020 and/or June 2026 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 10 July 2018

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

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 Generation Taranaki Limited
Level 15
The Todd Building
95 Customhouse Quay
Wellington 6011

Decision Date
(Change): 12 September 2017

Commencement Date
(Change): 12 September 2017 (Granted Date: 24 July 2013)

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To discharge emissions into the air arising from combustion of natural gas and other activities associated with the operation of the Junction Road Power Plant

Expiry Date: 1 June 2033

Review Date(s): June 2020, June 2026

Site Location: Junction Road Power Plant
688 Junction Road, New Plymouth

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1695340E-5669780N

*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 adopt the best practicable option to prevent or minimise any actual or likely adverse effect on the environment associated with the discharge of contaminants into the environment from the property.
2. By 30 August 2015 and every six years thereafter, the consent holder shall provide to the Taranaki Regional Council a written report that demonstrates compliance with condition 1 above. The report shall include but not necessarily be limited to:
 - a) A review of any of technological advances in the reduction or mitigation of emissions, how these might be applicable and/or implemented at the power plant, and the costs and benefits of these advances; and
 - b) An inventory of emissions from the site of such contaminants as the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, may from time to time specify following consultation with the consent holder; and
 - c) Documentation showing that emissions of contaminants is the minimum that can be reasonably achieved; and
 - d) Details of any measures that have been taken by the consent holder to improve the energy efficiency of the power plant.
3. 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.
4. The consent holder shall control all emissions to the atmosphere from the site of contaminants other than those expressly provided for under special condition 3, in order that they do not individually or in combination with other contaminants cause a hazardous, noxious, dangerous, offensive or objectionable effect at or beyond the boundary of the property.
5. The minimum height of discharge of the products of combustion from the turbines shall be 18 metres above ground level.
6. The discharges authorised by this consent shall not give rise to any direct significant adverse ecological effect on any ecosystems in the Taranaki region, including but not limited to habitats, plants, animals, microflora and microfauna.

Consent 9402-1.1

7. This consent shall lapse on 30 September 2023, 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.
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 during the month of June 2020, and/or June 2026 for any of the following purposes:
 - 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 specific practices in order to achieve the best practicable option to remove or reduce any adverse effect on the environment caused by the discharge.

Transferred at Stratford on 10 July 2018

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

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 Generation Taranaki Limited
Level 15
The Todd Building
95 Customhouse Quay
Wellington 6011

Decision Date: 18 February 2016

Commencement Date: 18 February 2016

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To install a culvert in an unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream, including the associated disturbance of the streambed

Expiry Date: 1 June 2032

Review Date(s): June 2020, June 2026

Site Location: 594 Junction Road, New Plymouth

Grid Reference (NZTM) Between 1695936E-5669602N & 1695981E-5669386N

Catchment: Waiwhakaiho

Tributary: Mangorei

*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. This consent authorises the installation of a culvert between approximate grid references 1695936E-5669602N and 1695981E-5669386E.
2. The culvert shall be designed to pass a flow of at least 6.9 m³/s.
3. The consent holder shall ensure that:
 - a) the erosion protection includes:
 - i) aprons at the culvert inlet and outlet of the culvert; and
 - ii) precast or rock rip rap headwalls on the banks surrounding the culvert inlet and outlet; and
 - b) the rock rip rap is placed on a slope no steeper than 1.5:1, with a thickness of no less than twice the D50 size of the rock.
4. No less than 1 month prior to the commencement of works, the consent holder shall submit to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, a detailed design for the proposed culvert in compliance with conditions 2 and 3 above. The information provided with the design shall include, as a minimum:
 - a) the culvert location, in NZTM coordinates;
 - b) the culvert diameter;
 - c) the fill over the culvert;
 - d) the erosion protection measures and their extents:
 - i) at the inlet and outlet of the culvert; and
 - ii) in the bed and banks of the stream.
5. The culvert and associated structures shall be constructed in accordance with approved design provided to fulfil the requirements of condition 1 of this consent. In the case of any contradiction between the approved design and the conditions of this consent, the conditions of this consent shall prevail.
6. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, in writing at least 2 working days 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.
7. Any concrete work carried out in the river bed shall be completely separated from running water, by a temporary coffer-dam and/or diversion using sand bags or some other form of contained of fill.
8. The consent holder shall ensure that any concrete placed in the channel is not exposed to flowing water for a period of 48 hours after it has been placed.

Consent 10217-1.0

9. Between 1 May and 31 October no work shall be undertaken on any part of the stream bed that is covered by water.
10. The consent holder shall take all practicable steps to minimise stream bed disturbance, sedimentation and increased turbidity during installation of the culvert, including by:
 - a) completing all works in the minimum time practicable;
 - b) avoiding placement of excavated material in the flowing channel;
 - c) keeping machinery out of the actively flowing channel, as far as practicable; and
 - d) reinstating any disturbed areas as far as practicable.
11. The culvert shall not restrict fish passage.
12. The invert of the culvert shall be set below the existing streambed by at least 20% of the culvert diameter so that it fills with bed material and simulates the natural bed.
13. The gradient of the culvert shall be no steeper than the natural gradient of the stream bed at the site.
14. On completion of works, the banks of the channel upstream and downstream of the culvert shall be no steeper than the existing natural banks. Where the bank consists of fill, the fill must be well compacted with batter slopes no steeper than 2 horizontal to 1 vertical.
15. The culvert shall remain the responsibility of the consent holder and be maintained so that:
 - a) it does not become blocked, and at all times allows the free flow of water through it; and
 - b) the consent holder repairs any erosion, scour or instability of the stream bed or banks that the culvert causes.
16. In the event that any archaeological remains are discovered as a result of works authorised by this consent, the works shall cease immediately at the affected site and tangata whenua and the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, shall be notified within one working day. Works may recommence at the affected area when advised to do so by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council. Such advice shall be given after the Chief Executive has considered: tangata whenua interest and values, the consent holder's interests, the interests of the public generally, and any archaeological or scientific evidence. The New Zealand Police, Coroner, and Historic Places Trust shall also be contacted as appropriate, and the work shall not recommence in the affected area until any necessary statutory authorisations or consents have been obtained.
17. This consent shall lapse on 31 March 2021, 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.

Consent 10217-1.0

18. 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 2020 and/or June 2026, 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 10 July 2018

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council

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: Nova Energy Limited

Decision Date: 15 December 2016

Commencement Date: 15 December 2016

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To install a culvert in an unnamed tributary of the Mangorei Stream, including the associated disturbance of the stream bed

Expiry Date: 1 June 2032

Review Date(s): June 2026

Site Location: 594 Junction Road (SH3), New Plymouth

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1695492E-5669582N

Catchment: Waiwhakaiho

Tributary: Mangorei

*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 culvert shall be constructed in accordance with drawing numbers 280-31050-07 and 280-31050-17 and provided with the application. In the case of any contradiction between the drawing(s) and the conditions of this consent, the conditions of this consent shall prevail.
2. The culvert pipe shall have a diameter no less than 1.8 metres and be no longer than 15 metres.
3. The consent holder shall notify the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, in writing at least 2 working days 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.
4. Between 1 May and 31 October no work shall be undertaken on any part of the stream bed that is covered by water.
5. The consent holder shall take all practicable steps to minimise stream bed disturbance, sedimentation and increased turbidity during installation of the culvert, including by:
 - a) completing all works in the minimum time practicable;
 - b) avoiding placement of excavated material in the flowing channel;
 - c) keeping machinery out of the actively flowing channel, as far as practicable; and
 - d) reinstating any disturbed areas as far as practicable.
6. A layer of rock riprap 1500 mm thick shall be installed in the stream bed. The riprap shall extend at least 12 metres downstream of the culvert outlet and 12 metres upstream of the culvert inlet. The rock shall have the following grading:
 - 100% less than 1000 mm diameter;
 - 50% greater than 750 mm diameter;
 - 90% greater than 450 mm diameter.
7. The culvert shall not restrict fish passage.
8. Within 3 months of the culvert being installed, the consent holder shall install sections of rock material on the floor of the culvert for the purpose of retaining bed material on the culvert floor and simulating a natural stream bed.
9. The gradient of the culvert shall be no steeper than the natural gradient of the stream bed at the site.
10. On completion of works, the banks of the channel upstream and downstream of the culvert shall be no steeper than the existing natural banks. Where the bank consists of fill, the fill must be well compacted with batter slopes no steeper than 2 horizontal to 1 vertical.

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11. The culvert shall remain the responsibility of the consent holder and be maintained so that:
 - a) it does not become blocked, and at all times allows the free flow of water through it; and
 - b) the consent holder repairs any erosion, scour or instability of the stream bed or banks that the culvert causes.
12. In the event that any archaeological remains are discovered as a result of works authorised by this consent, the works shall cease immediately at the affected site and tangata whenua and the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council, shall be notified within one working day. Works may recommence at the affected area when advised to do so by the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council. Such advice shall be given after the Chief Executive has considered: tangata whenua interest and values, the consent holder's interests, the interests of the public generally, and any archaeological or scientific evidence. The New Zealand Police, Coroner, and Historic Places Trust shall also be contacted as appropriate, and the work shall not recommence in the affected area until any necessary statutory authorisations or consents have been obtained.
13. This consent shall lapse on 31 December 2021, 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.
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 2020 and/or June 2026, 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 June 2022

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council



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Appendix II

Categories used to evaluate environmental and administrative performance

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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.

