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Dear Hilary

Proposed Smooth Hill landfill

- 1 This letter provides updates on aspects of the matters for further discussion raised by Otago Regional Council (**ORC**)'s peer reviewers in relation to the RM20.280; an application for water permits, discharge permits and a land use consent for the proposed Smooth Hill landfill.
- 2 These updates relate to the following matters:
 - (a) Minor changes to proposed conditions of consent 19, 22 and 23;
 - (b) Road alignments works on McLaren Gully Road; and
 - (c) Term sought for groundwater permit.

Minor changes to proposed conditions of consent 19, 22 and 23

- 3 As a result of discussions between ORC's peer reviewers and the applicant's technical experts, minor changes have been made to the previous set of conditions provided on 18 March 2022. The minor changes appear in:
 - (a) Condition 19, which relates to leachate storage; and
 - (b) Conditions 22 and 23, to add an additional new monitoring well in the original GW1 location.
- 4 The updated version of the conditions, dated 4 April 2022 is attached as **Appendix A**.

Road alignment works on McLaren Gully Road

- 5 You noted in your email of 25 February 2022 that regulation 53 of the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020 (**NES-FW**) prohibits earthworks and diversion of surface water within a natural wetland if it results in the complete or partial drainage of a natural wetland.
- 6 You raised this in relation to road realignment works on McLaren Gully Road (**Realignment Works**).
- 7 The applicant's technical experts are currently developing design options for the Realignment Works to consider how to further avoid any impact on wetlands. The experts have advised that they will be able to provide drawings of the revised Realignment Works this week. We will provide these drawings to yourself and the relevant experts as soon as they are available.

Term sought for groundwater permit

- 8 The applicant has given thorough consideration to the implications of policy 10A.2.2 of the Regional Plan: Water for Otago which became operative on 5 March 2022 and states that:

Irrespective of any other policies in this Plan concerning consent duration, only grant resource consents for takes and uses of freshwater, where this activity was not previously authorised by a Deemed Permit or by a water permit expiring prior to 31 December 2025, for a duration of no more than six years.

- 9 The applicant now seeks a permit for the taking and use of groundwater for a term of six years, in keeping with the term limits imposed by policy 10A.2.2.

Yours faithfully
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