

In the Environment Court of New Zealand
Wellington Registry

ENV-2023-WLG- 000005

Under the

Resource Management Act 1991

IN THE MATTER

of the direct referral of applications for
resource consents and notices of
requirement under of sections 87G and
198E of the Act for the Otaki to north of
Levin project.

BY

NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT
AGENCY
Applicant

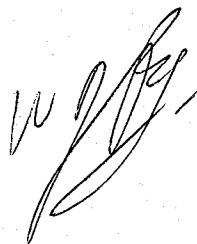
Memorandum of John Bent

12 September 2023

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MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT

1. This memorandum is filed in light of the Court's minute of 29 August 2023 (at [2] c)).
2. The purpose of this memorandum is to advise the Court of my current position.
3. My secondary issue is the screening out of litter from stormwater inflow to treatment structures so as to mitigate adverse effects on the receiving waters.¹
4. The proposed conditions for witness conferencing contained " Screening out of litter from stormwater inflow to treatment structures so as to mitigate adverse effects on the receiving waters." (RSW1, a) iii d))
5. This change has resolved this issue.
6. My primary issue is that discharge of floating contaminants to surface waters be avoided.²
7. Currently under discussion is the highlighted following "*d) Forebays must be designed to include standard inter-pond pipelines, baffles and screens to trap gross litter, and where practicable and necessary a submerged outlet to the treatment wetland to trap floating contaminants.*"
8. I remain hopeful that a resolution will be agreed.



John Bent
12 September 2023

¹ My s274 notice, 23 May 2023 at 10

² My s274 notice, 23 May 2023 at 11