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attention: Mark Ross

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## E: 287 Tuhirangi Road, Kakanui — Queries following delegated review

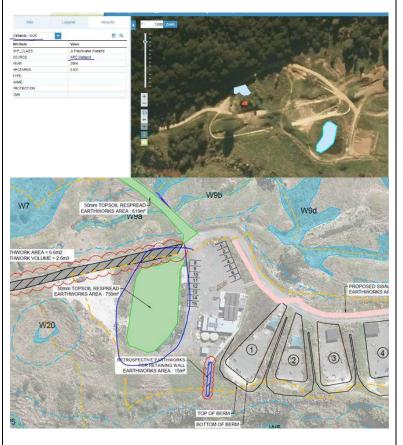
Dear Mark,

Thank you for your email and the TL's comments.

In responding to your email dated 30/10/2023, please find our responses below. We also include the following attachment to support our response:

- Appendix H – Objectives and Policies Assessment (Revision B)

No	Auckland Council Queries	Terra response
1	Does the proposed activity involve the storage of any hazardous substances on site in terms of Chapter E31?	The proposed activity does not involve in the storage of any hazardous substances on site as defined in either Section 2 of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (or) the Auckland Unitary Plan. That includes explosiveness; flammability; a capacity to oxidise; corrosiveness; toxicity (including chronic toxicity); ecotoxicity; which on contact with air or water and generates a substance with any one of more properties above.  Farming activity (livestock) is ongoing on site (outside of proposed activity boundary), this type of farming is not dependant on fertilizer, and it is assumed that no fertiliser is stored and used onsite.
2	Upon checking Council GeoMaps it is noted that there was a 'freshwater wetland' identified by DOC based on ARC data, as below. It is understood that the in question was reclaimed in 2017 (see below aerials from Google Earth) such that it is not an illegal reclamation under the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater.  However, it would appear to meet Auckland Council's interpretation of a pond (which meets the definition of a lake) and is therefore subject to the rules of E3 of the AUP(OP) such that a retrospective stream work consent would likely be required under E3.4.1(A49). As this area is included within the proposed outdoor shooting activity, it needs to be included with the application. Please address this.	Aerial data from LINZ indicates the existence of a pond within the proposed activity area, the pond in question falls within the definition of a water body under the RMA 91. The area of the pond is of approximately 580m² in size, to the west of existing parking area and ancillary structures. It appears the pond has been reclaimed between 2014 to 2016 as per LINZ arial photo (see Figure 2) and acknowledged by Council planner.  Therefore, retrospective consent is sought pursuant Standard E3.4.1(A49) for reclamation of the pond as a Non-Complying activity.  Additional assessment under Chapter E3 — Lakes, rivers, stream and wetlands have been provided in Appendix H — Objectives and Policies Assessment (revision B) and incorporated in this letter.  In conclusion, the pond is considered an isolated water body (it does not have any hydrological connections with surrounding watercourses). The pond was reclaimed circa 2014-2016 which under the timespan of almost ten years to date. The pond therefore will be considered a part of the



existing on-site environment and there are no adverse effects from the reclamation of the pond to the surrounding environment. Any residual adverse effects that cannot be avoided, remedied or mitigated are offset so that the effects to the environment are less than minor.

## Aerial photo evidence



Figure 1 - Area of the pond circa 2010-2012 (Source: LINZ)



Figure 2 - Area of the pond circa 2014-2016 (Source: LINZ)

## **Conclusion:**

We hope the above satisfies the additional query of delegated officer and the application can be notified as per applicant's request in the initial lodgement.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any details in this letter.

Your sincerely,

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