

Statement Form

Please write your comments in the space provided and forward your statement to:

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1. Statement Provider Details (please print clearly)

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2. Application to which Statement relates

Name of Applicant Whangarei District Council

Proposal (Activity type and location)

01) To discharge treated sewage effluent from the Hatea Sewage Pump Station to the Hatea River.

02) To discharge contaminants, primarily odour, to air from the Hatea Sewage Pump Station.

Location 23 Whareora Road, Whāngārei - adjacent to the Hatea River upstream of the Whareora Road bridge

NRC Application Number CON20112902101

Statements should reach the Council by 3.00pm, Friday 30 September 2011.

Statements received after 3.00pm are considered "late statements" and are considered at the Councillors' discretion.

3. Would you like to attend a hearing in person to tell Councillors more about the matters you have raised in your written statement?

Yes.

4. General nature of Statement (tick one box)

I support the application

I oppose the application

I am neutral regarding the application

5. **I/We oppose: Issue No. 1.**

To discharge treated sewage effluent from the Hatea Sewage Pump Station to the Hatea River.

Because: Whangarei District Council has regularly ignored the issue of waste water and blatantly discharged untreated sewage into our waterways, streams and harbour for many years. UV treatment does not fully treat wastewater. Short of building a complete waste water treatment station in Whareora Road and maintaining it into the future, is the only recipe to protect this river from a contaminated discharge at this point. We must be vigilant about and seriously consider the long term effects to our environment, by allowing these types of activities to be allowed.

I/We suggest: Our natural environment must be protected, being our greatest asset we must endeavour to protect it by refusing consent from this type of activity. Who would like to live alongside a river that is being used to transport toxic waste downstream? They can find money to build all the monuments portraying an affluent society; how about concentrating on the basic infrastructure any developing town or city needs going, into a healthy future.

I/We oppose: Issue No. 2.

To discharge contaminants, primarily odour, to air from the Hatea Sewage Pump Station.

Because: Having discharges into the environment is not to the benefit of the community who live alongside the areas that will ultimately be affected.

I/We suggest: We must protect our environment. There are such conditions as reverse sensitivity and surely discharging odour into the atmosphere (the air that we breathe) is irresponsible and should be avoided at all cost into areas where people reside.

Reverse sensitivity explained

Reverse sensitivity describes the effect that development of one kind may have on activities already occurring in an area. It usually results from the people involved in an activity that is newly established, complaining about the effects of existing activities in an area.



6. **Statement:** As above

7. **I seek the following decision from Council**

To grant consent To refuse consent

8. **Request for independent commissioners**

N/A. There is nothing to debate; common sense say's don't pollute the environment, people get prosecuted for it. Lead by example and fix the issues with the sewerage system properly.

I have served a copy of this statement on the applicant

Signature: W.D. Slater & P.A. Slater

Date: 25th day of September 2011