

From: [Tracey Morse](#)
To: [Andrew Brown](#)
Subject: FW: RC245775 (SDC) and CRC251167, CRC251168, CRC251169 (ECan) - Water Race Setback / Edge Treatment
Date: Wednesday, 15 January 2025 2:11:24 pm
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From: Kate McIntosh <Kate.McIntosh@ecan.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 6 January 2025 8:31 am
To: Tracey Morse <tracey@nzcleanenergy.nz>; Jane Anderson <Jane.Anderson@selwyn.govt.nz>
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Hi Tracey,

Thanks for this, at this stage yes, I am happy with this.

MKT have let us know that this is an issue for us to sort out and that they have provided their position, so we do not need any further comment from them at this stage.

I will be in touch again soon when I am fully back on deck but at this stage, I do think we can consider this sorted.

Thanks so much,
Kate

From: Tracey Morse <tracey@nzcleanenergy.nz>
Sent: Friday, 20 December 2024 3:05 pm
To: Kate McIntosh <Kate.McIntosh@ecan.govt.nz>; Jane Anderson <Jane.Anderson@selwyn.govt.nz>; ext-MKT General Admin Contact <Mahaanui.admin@ngaitahu.iwi.nz>
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Kia ora all,

Based on the comment I've received separately to this from Jane / Selwyn District Council, it looks like we just need to keep on side of the water race clear so that their surface water team can maintain the bed of the water race. That means that we can undertake a form of riparian planting on the opposite bank.

I have conferred with my bosses on this, and provided we look to utilise low growing species (3m or less maximum height), it won't result in shading on our panels and should achieve the outcomes that both ECan and Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd are seeking.

Tama and Kate – let me know in the New Year if this works for you, or if you'd still like to have a hui to discuss further.

Ngā mihi nui, and Meri Kirihimeti!

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From: Tracey Morse

Sent: Wednesday, 18 December 2024 10:02 am

To: Kate McIntosh <Kate.McIntosh@ecan.govt.nz>; Jane Anderson <Jane.Anderson@selwyn.govt.nz>; ext-MKT General Admin Contact <Mahaanui.admin@ngaitahu.iwi.nz>

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Mōrena Kate,

If this can be easily resolved without need for a hui, happy for you to do so. Please keep us all posted.

Jane and Tama – in case we do need a hui to discuss, please advise if there is any particular time within the range stated by Kate that works best for each of you.

Ka kite anō,

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From: Kate McIntosh <Kate.McIntosh@ecan.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 18 December 2024 9:59 am

To: Tracey Morse <tracey@nzcleanenergy.nz>; Jane Anderson <Jane.Anderson@selwyn.govt.nz>; ext-MKT General Admin Contact <Mahaanui.admin@ngaitahu.iwi.nz>

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Hi Tracey,

I am happy for a call at any point tomorrow (between 7 and 3). But I think I can get this question answered over email – I just need to consult with a principal planner.

I will be in touch soon.

Thanks,
Kate

From: Tracey Morse <tracey@nzcleanenergy.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 17 December 2024 4:14 pm

To: Jane Anderson <Jane.Anderson@selwyn.govt.nz>; Kate McIntosh <Kate.McIntosh@ecan.govt.nz>; ext-MKT General Admin Contact <Mahaanui.admin@ngaitahu.iwi.nz>

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Kia ora Jane, Kate, and Tama,

(sorry Tama – I don't have your direct email address, so have just sent this to the Mahaanui admin email address)

There's something that I've been meaning to follow up with you all about. We've received conflicting comments in our s92 requests from each of you on how to treat the interface between our site and the one active water race, which we really need to try and resolve to progress this matter.

In the s92 request from SDC, the matter is outlined as follows:

The Water Race Bylaw requires a strip of not less than 6 metres wider (adjacent to one side of the water race) to be left unplanted to enable access to the water race for machinery or for cleaning and maintenance purposes.

30. *Please confirm that sufficient space will be provided for both water races for machinery for cleaning and maintenance purposes.*

Please be advised that the Council is requesting an easement in gross for both water races.

In email correspondence received from ECan recently, the below matter was requested as an addendum to the main s92 request:

CRC's surface water scientist noted that It is my opinion that the proposed 3 m buffer width is insufficient (assuming 1.5 m on each side or 3 m in total). Ideally, this width should be at least 3 m on each side (6 m total). – please confirm the proposed buffer on each side and if the applicant will provide for a 3 m buffer on each side 6 m total.

*They also noted that they would like to see planted buffer around the water race completed first (as a condition), and also noted that I assume the water races are already fenced due to the ongoing presence of sheep, but inadequate fencing that does not exclude sheep would undermine the whole process. – **please let me know your thoughts and comments***

Can you also please provide an assessment against the relevant structures Rules within the LWRP this is for the culverts/works in a riverbed (5.135 to 5.141B, please just do the relevant ones).

Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd have also sought a similar outcome to ECan for managing this interface, within their Cultural Advice Report that we received from them via SDC around the same time as the SDC s92 request.

Just quickly, I can confirm that the panels will be at least 10m from either bank of the water race, as shown on the attached plans. Within that 10m, there will be our internal access track (5m wide) running alongside the panels, and then stock fencing. While the balance is 5m (i.e. less than 6m), there is ample room to accommodate access for maintenance of the water race as outlined in the SDC request OR riparian planting as outlined in the ECan request and Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd Cultural Advice Report, but not both.

Unless there is some sort of agreed management protocol around water races that one or more parties have overlooked, it might be useful to have a bit of a hui between NZCE, ECan, SDC, and Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd to look to resolve this matter, or at least get a conversation started between ECan, SDC, and Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd that can be resolved while other elements of this project are assessed by each council. We'd ideally like to have this hui this week, if possible, to avoid dragging the matter out, although acknowledge that is a big ask this late in the piece. Alternatively, it would be great if we could have a hui once I return from the summer break, on or after 13 January 2025.

It'd be greatly appreciated if you could confirm if you're agreeable to beginning this kōrero and provide some times/dates that work for you to attend an online hui.

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