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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Eastern Hills Reservoir NOR - Ecology Assessment
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Kia ora Dan,

Further to our call on Monday afternoon, we wish to pause the peer review of the ecological impact assessment lodged on 29 February 2024 and submit a revised assessment.

As discussed, the National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB) was approved in July 2023 when we were part way through preparing the Notice of Requirement. As the site is within a Significant Natural Resource identified in the District Plan our ecologists carried out additional assessments as required by the NPS-IB. This was the first assessment they had prepared under this policy statement and having now prepared several others and received additional advice and peer reviews, they have now determined that they over-estimated the value of the effect generated on vegetation. They would now like to update their assessment to lower the level of effect of the Project on the vegetation downward. As a consequence, changes are needed to the proposed offsetting and mitigation required as well as some of the proposed conditions.

As discussed, we are aiming to have this revised material with you by 10 June and from our discussion I understand the re-notification of the application is not required.

Can you please confirm you are happy with the approach I have set out above?

Ngā mihi | Thank you,



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