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*Our Reference:* RM220025

26 July 2022

Taumata Plantations Limited  
C/- Hancock Forest Management  
PO Box 648  
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Dear Sir or Madam

**RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION FOR LAND USE - EARTHWORKS, VEHICLE ACCESS AND TRAFFIC GENERATION ASSOCIATED WITH FOREST HARVESTING - MORRISON ROAD, AOTEA**

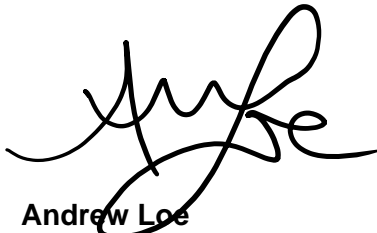
Please find attached a decision on the Resource Consent Application you have made.

This decision was approved under delegated authority by the Group Manager Regulatory and Growth on 26 July 2022.

You have 15 working days from the date of receiving this notification to object back to Council in respect of any part of this decision pursuant to Section 357 of the Resource Management Act.

Should you have any queries in this matter please feel free to contact me at this office.

Yours faithfully



**Andrew Loe**  
**GROUP MANAGER REGULATORY AND GROWTH**

## **RESOURCE CONSENT DECISION**

### **Resource Management Act 1991**

**Application Reference: RM220025**

Decision by Otorohanga District Council

#### **APPLICANT**

<b>Name:</b>	Taumata Plantations Limited
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	C/- Hancock Forest Management PO Box 648 Tokoroa 3444
<b>Decision Date:</b>	26 July 2022

#### **PROPERTY LOCATION**

<b>Street/Road Address:</b>	MORRISON ROAD, AOTEA
<b>Valuation Roll No:</b>	0562000100
<b>Legal Description</b>	PT LOT 1 DPS 75439 PT AOTEA STH 3A BLKS I II V VI KAWHIA NTH SD
<b>Road Order:</b>	ORDER 2 ROAD

#### **DECISION**

- A. That in consideration of Sections 104, 104D and Part 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Otorohanga District Council pursuant to Section 104B of the Resource Management Act hereby grants resource consent for a non-complying activity for the application of Taumata Plantations Ltd to undertake earthworks and traffic generation activities in association with plantation forest harvesting activities on land described as Pt Lot 1 DPS 75439 (RT: SA57B/14) and Pt Aotea South 3A Blks I, III, V and VI Kawhia North SD (RT: SA249/48), Morrison Road – Aotea

This decision has been made for the following reasons:

- i) The Council is satisfied in granting consent and imposing the following conditions that the proposed plantation forest harvest and its associated areas of non-compliance with the provisions of the Otorohanga Operative District Plan relating to coastal earthworks, traffic generation and historic heritage sites will not result any adverse effects on the environment that cannot be avoided, remedied or mitigated.
  - ii) The proposed activity is not contrary to achieving the objectives and policies of the Operative Otorohanga District Plan relating to the Coastal Environment (Issue 2), Historic Heritage (7) and Safety of Road Users (Issue 8).
  - iii) The application was not required to be publicly notified pursuant to Section 95A because it was decided that subject to the imposition of appropriate conditions the activity was unlikely to have adverse effects on the environment that would be more than minor.
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- iv) The application was required to be limited notified pursuant to Section 95B of the Resource Management Act 1991 because it was considered that there were people (including local iwi and New Zealand Transport Agency) who had the potential to be adversely affected by the activity in a minor or more than minor manner. New Zealand Transport Agency were the only person who lodged a submission on the application. The Agency has since advised that they are not opposed to the application subject to the imposition of agreed mitigation conditions on consent.
  - v) Subject to compliance with Regulations 98, 100 and 102 of the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry) Regulations 2017, the plantation forest harvesting activities are a permitted activity in terms of the territorial authority functions prescribed by the regulations.
  - vi) The Council has determined that Standards 3A and 5E of the Otorohanga District Plan are rules that are enabled by the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry) Regulations 2017 to be more stringent than those set out in the NES, in relation to earthworks activities.
  - vii) The consent holder has obtained an Archaeological Authority (2022/508) from Heritage New Zealand in relation to the harvesting activities. This authority is subject to a number of conditions, to be complied with on an ongoing basis. These conditions are considered relevant and appropriate to the activities proposed and it is not necessary for them to be duplicated in this decision.

B. This consent is subject to compliance with the following conditions, which are imposed pursuant to Section 108 of the Resource Management Act 1991:

#### **General Accordance**

1. That the consented activity shall be undertaken in accordance with the information and plans submitted with the application for land use consent, except where these are altered by the following conditions.

#### **Working Area**

2. That the consent holder shall ensure that:
    - (a) All earthworks and harvesting activities are undertaken wholly within the legal boundaries of the subject sites; and/or
    - (b) Where any activities (including harvesting) involve any land beyond the legal boundaries of the subject sites then this may only occur where either:
      - (i) written permission to do so has been obtained from the relevant landowner (including the Crown) and this is provided to the Group Manager Regulatory and Growth (Otorohanga District Council) prior to any works commencing; or
      - (ii) A record of title incorporating accretion and erosion, to include any land beyond the current legal boundaries of the subject sites, has been issued by Land Information New Zealand and provided to the Group Manager Regulatory and Growth (Otorohanga District Council), and written confirmation is provided by the consent holder, prior to works commencing, that works do not extend beyond the altered boundaries.
  3. That prior to the commencement works associated with the salvage activities in the area of landing site 63 shown on Operational Map HA3933 the consent holder shall identify and mark the legal boundary with adjoining Crown Land. Boundary markings shall be maintained and visible for the duration of the harvesting operations.
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4. Other than in association with salvage works or for health and safety purposes, no removal of trees in the area marked as “*Area to be Felled Last*” on Operational Map HA3933 shall be undertaken until such time as all other areas have been harvested to the satisfaction of the Group Manager Regulatory and Growth (Otorohanga District Council).
  5. The consent holder shall ensure that no slash or overburden is deposited beyond the boundaries of the subject site except where authorised by application of condition 2(b).

### **Erosion and Sediment Control**

6. That the consent holder shall ensure that appropriate erosion and sediment controls are established and maintained at all times to avoid the release of sediment laden water from salvage areas surrounding landing site 63 shown on Operational Map HA3933 to the adjoining coastal environment to the satisfaction of the Group Manager Regulatory and Growth (Otorohanga District Council).
7. That at the conclusion of harvesting activities landing site 63 shown on Operational Map HA3933 and the surrounding salvage area shall be returned to an erosion-resistant state to the satisfaction of the Group Manager Regulatory and Growth (Otorohanga District Council).

### **Heritage New Zealand (Archaeological Authority)**

8. That the consent holder shall ensure that all conditions imposed on Heritage New Zealand Archaeological Authority 2022/508 are observed and complied with at all times to the satisfaction of the Group Manager Regulatory and Growth (Otorohanga District Council).
9. That any reporting and notification requirements arising from conditions 9, 10, 11 and 15 of the Archaeological Authority shall be taken to include requirement to provide notice to the Group Manager Regulatory and Growth (Otorohanga District Council).

### **Road Improvement Works**

10. The prior to the commencement of salvage and harvesting activities, the consent holder shall carry out and complete the following works to improve the safety of Morrison / Aotea Roads to the satisfaction of the Group Manager Engineering and Assets (Otorohanga District Council):
    - (a) Widen and strengthen road shoulders to give loaded trucks room on the corner identified on the map below. This shall involve removing grass and unsuitable material and rebuilding with GAP65 metal, spread, rolled and compacted to Council's standards.  
Note: reference to No.166 and No.23 are for locational purposes only
    - (b) Where not already existing, the marking the centre lines around all corners and bends along Morrison Road.
    - (c) Install “school bus turning” warning signs at Kawhia Road (SH31) and Aotea Road intersection.
    - (d) Establishment of temporary truck warning signs in potential conflict areas along Morrison and Aotea Roads.
    - (e) Maintenance of temporary truck warning signs in a condition that is able to be easily read and understood by other road users for the duration of harvesting activities.
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### **Kawhia Road (SH31) / Aotea Road Intersection – New Zealand Transport Agency**

11. Prior to salvage and harvesting activities commencing, the consent holder shall lodge a traffic management plan with the New Zealand Transport Agency for approval which demonstrates appropriate traffic management for logging trucks, utilising the Kawhia Road (State Highway 31) and Aotea Road intersection. This traffic management plan shall be implemented and maintained for the first three months of operation only.
12. Within the first two months of operation, the consent holder shall provide, for the approval of New Zealand Transport Agency, a site plan that identifies any physical works and/or any additional traffic management required at the Kawhia Road (State Highway 31) and Aotea Road intersection for the remainder of the operation period. The physical works and/or traffic management plan shall be approved and implemented prior to operations commencing beyond the timeframe authorised by condition 10 and maintained for the duration for the duration of salvage and harvesting activities.

### **Vehicle Access / Movements**

13. That all vehicle access shall be obtained from the existing entranceway to the site from Morrison Road located between the intersections of Ash Terrace and Lawton Drive.
14. That the existing entranceway shall be formed, sealed and maintained to meet the requirements for Rural Vehicle Entranceways Over 20 hectare standard as set out in Appendix 4 of the Otorohanga District Plan to the satisfaction of the Group Manager Engineering and Assets, Otorohanga District Council, or their appointed Officer.
15. That no more than 5 heavy haulage vehicles (logging and metal trucks) may travel through Aotea Township between the hours of 4am and 7am, Monday to Saturday.
16. That the consent holder shall ensure that the following mitigation measures are implemented and enforced at all times:
  - (a) Heavy Haulage Vehicles associated with the consented activity shall not exceed a speed of:
    - (i) 30km/hour along Morrison Road within Aotea Township
    - (ii) 60km/hour along Morrison and Aotea Roads

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- (b) The cartage of logs or metal shall not be carried out on Sundays or Public Holidays.
  - (c) The cartage of logs or metal shall not be carried out between the dates of 20 December and January 7.
  - (d) There shall be no use of exhaust / engine brakes (except during emergencies) by Heavy Haulage Vehicles on Morrison Road (commencing at the Maukutea Drive Intersection for inbound vehicles).
- 17. That the consent holder shall ensure that all truck drivers associated with the consented activities are aware of and comply at all times with conditions (15) and (16).
  - 18. That no loading or parking of vehicles associated with the salvage or harvesting activities shall be permitted to be undertaken or carried out within the legal road reserve of any public road or other land within Aotea Township.
  - 19. That no landing or stockpile sites associated with the salvage or harvesting activities may be located adjacent to or within 80m of Morrison Road.
  - 20. The consent holder shall ensure that traffic management in accordance with the approved traffic management plan (ODC reference: E839591), or any approved variation thereof, is maintained in place for the duration of salvage and harvesting activities.
  - 21. The consent holder shall ensure that there is no tracking of mud or other debris from the subject site onto Morrison Road to the satisfaction of the Group Manager Engineering and Assets – Otorohanga District Council. In the event that any debris is tracked onto Morrison Road the consent holder shall ensure that this is removed as soon as physically possible.

#### **Noise Generation**

- 22. That the consent holder shall ensure that noise associated with the plantation forestry activities within the notional boundary of any occupied building containing a noise-sensitive activity does not exceed:
  - (a) Monday to Saturday, daytime – 70 dB LAeq (15 min) between 7 am and 7 pm
  - (b) Sunday daytime – 45 dB LAeq (15 min) between 7 am and 7 pm
  - (c) Night time – 45 dB LAeq (15 min) between 7 pm and the following 7am
  - (d) Night time – 75 dB LAFmax between 7 pm and the following 7 am

Noise shall be monitored and assessed in accordance with Regulation 98 of Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry) Regulations 2017

#### **Dust Generation**

- 23. The consent holder shall ensure that there is no airborne or deposited dust beyond the boundary of the subject site that is deemed noxious, dangerous, objectionable, or offensive by the Group Manager Regulatory and Growth (Otorohanga District Council).

#### **Complaints Procedure**

- 24. The consent holder shall appoint a community contact / liaison person to receive and manage any complaints.
  - 25. The name and contact details of the community contact / liaison person shall be provided to the Group Manager Regulatory and Growth (Otorohanga District Council), New Zealand Transport Agency and the Aotea Community Ratepayers Association.
  - 26. The consent holder shall:
    - (a) Establish a contact phone number which it is to be monitored at all times.
    - (b) Ensure that all complaints are responded to within 24 hours of receipt.
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- (c) Maintain a log of all complaints received and actions taken to resolve / address each complaint.
  - (d) On request, make available a copy of the complaints log to the Group Manager Regulatory and Growth (Otorohanga District Council).

**ADVICE NOTES:**

- (AV1) It is the responsibility of the consent holder to ensure that all permitted activity standards or resource consent requirements (as relevant) of the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry) Regulations 2017 are complied with at all times.
- (AV2) It is the responsibility of the consent holder to ensure that no activities commence until such time as all required resource consents (if any) have been obtained from the Waikato Regional Council.
- (AV3) The time frames within Condition 11 are based on a standard 20 working day process. In some instances, it may take the New Zealand Transport Agency longer than 20 working days to review the site plan. Therefore, to avoid administrative delay, it is recommended that the site plan is lodged with the New Zealand Transport Agency for review as soon as possible
- (AV4) This consent shall lapse on the expiry of 5 years after the date this consent was granted unless it is given effect to prior to this date.
- (AV5) If the consent holder is not satisfied with the decision and/or any of the conditions of consent they may lodge an objection in writing to the decision and / or conditions pursuant to Section 357A of the Resource Management Act. Objections must be filed (within 15 working days of this decision being received) in writing and addressed to:

The District Planner  
Otorohanga District Council  
P. O. Box 11  
Otorohanga 3940



**Andrew Loe**  
**GROUP MANAGER REGULATORY AND GROWTH**

**Pursuant to a delegation given to me by the Otorohanga District Council**