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Dear [REDACTED]

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 6 September 2022 for details about EnviroWaste Services Ltd compliance with Special Conditions 6 and 7.

Special condition 6 **Ecological Conditions** is on track, noting that some sub-conditions are not due until 2023. The breakdown below goes into further detail about each of the sub-conditions.

- a) provide the Department of Conservation with a copy of this special condition 6 (within 3 months of the date of the grant of consent) – *provided 1 Dec 2019*
- b) fence areas 1, 3, 3b, 4, 6 and 7 (by 31 July 2023) – *underway, has until 2023 to complete*
- c) remove all stock from areas 1, 3, 3b, 4, 6 and 7 (within 3 months of the date of grant of consent) – *completed 1 Dec 2019*
- d) fence all wetlands, waterways and seeps on the Land not already fenced in accordance with resource consent requirements with riparian buffers of at least 10 metres on either side (By 31 July 2023) – *has until 2023 to complete*
- e) not allow stock to graze on areas 4, 6 and 7 (At all times and following completion of the fencing referred to at special condition 6b and 6d) – *not currently allowing stock to graze*
- f) engage with QEII Trust and seek a QEII covenant over the fenced and replanted areas (By 31 July 2024) – *has until 2024 to complete*
- g) prepare a planting plan, which must include a maintenance plan, for the fenced areas on the land referred to in 22(b) and 22(d) above ("Plan") and ensure the Plan targets achieving a minimum of 80% indigenous cover (By 31 July 2021) – *completed in 2021*
- h) complete planting under the Plan (By 31 July 2034) – *has until 2034 to complete*

- i) prepare a sustainable logging plan ("Logging plan") in respect of the exotic plantation species on the Land and including proposals to replace removed exotic plantation with exotic or native species (in the same area or elsewhere on the Land). The Logging plan must include ways to mitigate the impacts of the logging and consider forested corridors across the Land as well as consideration for the protection of bats when felling trees (By 31 July 2023) – *underway, not due until 2023*
- j) submit the Logging plan to the Department of Conservation for approval (By 31 July 2023) – *underway, not due until 2023*
- k) conduct any logging on the Land in accordance with the Logging Plan (At all times once the Logging plan is prepared) – *not due until after logging plan has been lodged, see j) above*
- l) prepare a weed control plan ("Weed plan") for the Land and submit the Weed plan to the Department of Conservation for approval (By 31 July 2021) – *completed in 2021*
- m) conduct any weed control on the Land in accordance with the Weed plan (At all times once the Weed plan is prepared) – *weed control is occurring*
- n) prepare a pest control programme ("Pest plan") for the Land and submit the Pest plan to the Department of Conservation for approval. The Pest plan should include a target of maintaining possums year round at 5% residual trap catch index or equivalent and maintaining rates year round at below 5% tracking rate or equivalent (By 31 July 2021) – *completed in 2021*
- o) implement the Pest plan approved by the Department of Conservation and monitor the possum and rat abundance on the land on a 6 monthly basis (At all times after 31 July 2021) – *pest control is occurring.*

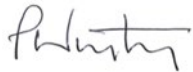
Special condition 7 **Walking access conditions** required various agreements to be reached between the consent holder, WAC and DOC that appear not to have been reached by the applicable condition date (31 July 2022). The OIO is currently working with the consent holder and other parties on this matter. We are in the initial stages of information gathering and have not formed an opinion regarding this matter.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oio@linz.govt.nz

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note, this response letter outlining our decision on your request, **with your personal details withheld**, and any attached documentation will be published on the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand's website. This is likely to be published by 31 October 2022

Yours sincerely



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