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Request for information 2025-120

I refer to your request for information dated 3 April 2025, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 7 April 2025. You have requested the following:

“Could I please get a list of any resource consent conditions for the Transmission Gully project that have not yet been completed, and any information on progress towards these?”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

You have requested that your request be treated with urgency, however you did not provide a reason. Greater Wellington has assessed your request for urgency and has processed your request as soon as is reasonably practicable.

In considering your request, I have addressed only the outstanding resource consent condition requirements imposed by the Board of Inquiry (BoI) in June 2012 (ref: *Final Report and Decision of the Board of Inquiry into the Transmission Gully Proposal* dated June 2012).

The table below summarises the outstanding requirements of the BoI resource consent conditions and certified management plans, the actions required to fulfil the outstanding consent requirements, and the current status of the consent holder’s progress in addressing each item.

	Resource Consent Condition Requirement and/or Ecological Management & Monitoring Plan (EMMP)	Required Action	Progress to date
1	<p>EMMP Attachment 3: Freshwater Fauna and Habitats Construction Management Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 6.5.2 (b) <p>General conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - G.55 - G.56 - G.57 	Works completed for fish passage through all culverts which require fish passage ¹	Fish passage monitoring reports identified that not all culverts are currently providing fish passage in accordance the EMMP and remedial actions are required. Remedial actions are currently underway in accordance with the EMMP
2	<p>EMMP Attachment 3: Freshwater fauna and habitats construction management plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 6.2 - Section 9 	All final Culvert Monitoring Reports (CMR) submitted to GWRC	Upon completion of remedial actions (described above at point 1) culvert monitoring reports will be submitted to GWRC to demonstrate that in the view of a suitably qualified freshwater ecologist the remedial actions are sufficient to provide fish passage in accordance with the EMMP.
3	<p>EMMP Attachment 6: Stream restoration plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 5.6.2 	Year 1 fish passage monitoring undertaken in culverts and diversions which require fish passage	Upon completion of remedial works described at point 1 and point 8. Monitoring is required to ensure fish passage is provided through all culverts and diversions that require fish passage.

¹ All culverts and diversions that require fish passage are listed in the certified EMMP

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4	EMMP Attachment 6: Stream restoration plan: - Section 5.6.6	Year 1 fish passage monitoring report submitted to GWRC	Reporting on fish passage following the monitoring outlined under point 3
5	EMMP Attachment 6: Stream restoration plan: - Section 5.6.2	Year 2 fish passage monitoring undertaken in culverts and diversions which require fish passage	Where fish passage is not demonstrated following year 1 fish passage monitoring, a second round of monitoring in the following years is required.
6	EMMP Attachment 6: Stream restoration plan: - Section 5.6.6	Year 2 fish passage monitoring report submitted to GWRC	Reporting on fish passage following the monitoring outlined under point 5.
7	EMMP Attachment 6: Stream restoration plan: - Section 5.6.3 - Section 5.6.4 - Section 5.6.5 - Section 5.7	Where fish passage is not successful, <i>“A program and description of remedial actions will be provided to the Manager for certification”²</i>	This is only required if fish passage is not demonstrated by the report outlined under point 6.
8	EMMP Attachment 3: Freshwater fauna and habitats construction management plan: - Section 6.3 General conditions: - G.15 - G.26	Complete works on diversions to resolve hydraulic and ecological outcomes	Some stream diversions are not retaining surface flow for the full reach subject to diversion works. The consent holder is currently undertaking trials at two locations to investigate the best option for addressing this. Following the trial,

² Section 5.6.4, Attachment 6 to the EMMP

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	Stream works conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WS.3 - WS.8 		works to address this issue will take place across the project at any locations where they are required.
9	EMMP Attachment 3: Freshwater fauna and habitats construction management plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 6.3 - Section 9 EMMP Attachment 6: Stream restoration plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 4.3 General conditions: - G.15 - G.26 Stream works conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WS.3 - WS.8 	Final Diversion Monitoring Reports (DMRs) submitted to GWRC to encompass the requirements of WS.3 and WS.8	Following the works outlined under point 8, DMRs are required to be submitted to GWRC to demonstrate that the diversions are in accordance with certified plans.
10	EMMP Attachment 6: Stream restoration plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 5.5.2 	Assess aquatic habitat and stream function in main stem diversions ³	Two years following the completion of works outlined under point 8 an assessment of main stream diversions is required to ensure that they meet required ecological outcomes.

³ Main stem diversions are identified in the EMMP Attachment 6: Stream restoration plan: section 5.5.3

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11	EMMP Attachment 6: Stream restoration plan: - Section 5.5.6	Report on aquatic habitat and stream function in main stem diversions “Mitigation Success Monitoring Report” submitted to GWRC	Following the assessment outlined under point 10, reporting on success to GWRC is required.
12	EMMP Attachment 6: Stream restoration plan: - Section 5.5.3 - Section 5.5.4 - Section 5.5.5 - Section 5.7	Where main stem diversions are not successful, “A program and description of remedial actions will be provided to the Manager for certification” ⁴	If the report outlined under point 11 does not demonstrate that the main stem diversions have met the required outcomes, remedial actions will be required. These actions require certification by GWRC.
13	EMMP Attachment 5: Revegetation and enrichment plan: - In relation to all planting (terrestrial and riparian) EMMP Attachment 6: Stream restoration plan: - In relation to the riparian margin EMMP Attachment 3: Freshwater fauna and habitats construction management plan: - Section 2.7.2 (average of 80% shading of stream channel) - Section 2.7.4 (functional riparian zone)	Submit the report on 3-year planting review outcomes to GWRC for certification including remedial actions for unsuccessful planting	The year 3 report has been submitted. The report identifies those remedial actions in some areas is required. Some information about remedial actions has been provided but some information is still outstanding.

⁴ Section 5.5.4, Attachment 6 to the EMMP

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	EMMP Attachment 5: Revegetation and enrichment plan: - Section 6.1.1 (minimum of 10m riparian zone) General conditions: - G.31 - G.36		
14	EMMP Attachment 5: Revegetation and enrichment plan. General conditions: - G.31 - G.36	Complete remedial planting (if required)	Planting in some areas that require remedial actions is scheduled for this planting season (winter).
15	EMMP Attachment 4: Marine construction management plan. General conditions: - G.48 - G.49	Marine post construction report	‘Trigger events’ for marine ecology habitats were observed during the earthwork period for the project. The consent holder has engaged suitably qualified ecologists and is undertaking a review of marine monitoring information and sediment monitoring information to establish whether the “tigger events” were likely to be a result of sediment discharged from the project works.
16	G.32	Replace or modify, subject to the Manager’s approval,	Some of these culverts have already been removed as a

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		the eight existing perched culverts within Duck Creek	result of the project works. For the remaining culverts, the consent holder has identified some potential solutions for fish passage and is in the process of consulting with GWRC and landowners.
17	G.33	Replace or modify, subject to the Manager's approval, the existing perched culvert on the Wainui Stream where it passes underneath State Highway 1	The consent holder is in the process of finalising the design solution for fish passage at this location.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

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