Meeting between Waikato District Council and Gleeson Managed Fill consultants

Date:

2 July 2020, Waikato District Council offices, Ngaruawahia 15.30 -16.30

Attendants:

Representing Gleeson – Norm Hill, Kate Madsen, Andrew Rumsby Representing Waikato District Council – Will Gauntlett, Josh Crawshaw, Ben Wolf

Minutes:

Introductions were made.

Waikato District Council representatives explained they were interested in becoming part of the discussion as an affected party due to the potential risks of changing a quarry to a landfill that, amongst other consent requests, wishes to send stormwater from at least one of the proposed fill sites to lake Puketirini and associated habitats.

Gleeson representatives clarified that the proposal was for managed fill, not landfill and that the terminology was important. This distinction was acknowledged by the Waikato District Council representatives.

Waikato District Council representatives received confirmation that the managed fill would be contaminated soil from, for example, building/demolition sites and not 'just soil' as claimed by a Gleeson representative. This terminology is also important, especially when discussing with the community, as contaminated soils can contain asbestos, oils, lead paint etc.

A round table discussion was held, in which it was agreed that all parties agreed that Puketirini was a valued asset in terms of recreational, cultural, water quality and environmental values and that all parties wanted to ensure that no environmental damage would result from the Gleeson proposal.

Gleeson representatives provided Waikato District Council representatives with a hard copy of an information flyer regarding the managed fill proposal and the results of water sampling from the lake Puketirini outlet.

Gleeson representatives also confirmed that any documents, reports etc submitted to the consenting authority are public documents and can be shared with the public, peers, staff, NIWA etc.

Waikato District Council thanked Gleeson representatives for making themselves available to meet, and following this meeting would have a look at the reports and information available, work through any queries or issues on the proposal with Gleeson representatives and through the affect parties' process.

It was agreed the correspondence would flow between Will and Kate.

Meeting closed at 16.30