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Decision on Omāroro Reservoir Notice of Requirement to alter a Designation (Designation Reference No: 135)

1. This letter comprises Wellington City Council's decision on the Omāroro Reservoir Notice of Requirement (NoR) to alter a Designation.
2. The Notice of Requirement is for an alteration to the Omāroro Reservoir Designation (Designation Reference No: 135), for a minor adjustment to the Designation boundary to allow for works associated with the construction of the Reservoir to take place where they cannot be contained within the existing Designation footprint. The purpose of the altered Designation is to facilitate the construction of a new Dorking Road access point, two buried flow meter chambers and one buried control valve chamber and realignment of the existing water mains, and relocation of the existing stormwater inlet.
3. Wellington City Council is the territorial authority with financial responsibility for the project under section 168A of the Resource Management Act 1991. As Acting Chief Planning Officer, I have delegated authority to make this decision on behalf of Wellington City Council. My decision is to confirm the NoR, subject to the imposition of conditions in Appendix A.

Reasons for the Council's decision

4. Wellington City Council accepts the recommendation of the Decision Report issued on 3rd July 2020 and agrees with the conclusions within the report, namely:
 - a. The proposed alterations are localised and the potential and actual temporary and long-term effects on the Town Belt and environs are minor or can be mitigated and offset. This mitigation includes the following ecological and arboricultural measures:
 - i. Additional planting along the edges of the Waitangi Stream tributary
 - ii. Implementation of erosion and sediment control measures to ensure protection of the tributary of the Waitangi Stream.
 - iii. Implementation of tree protection measures for the Totara tree on Dorking Road and planting in the area of Town Belt and Road reserve
 - b. The access on Dorking Road will only be used for high-level cleaning of the reservoir, post-earthquake inspection and response and emergency chemical dosing to disinfect stored water on an as needed basis. While there will be a short period of construction traffic in connection with the proposed widening of the Dorking Road entrance to the site; this will not require any parked cars to be removed. Once this access point has been widened, it will not be available for use as part of the construction of the reservoir itself.
 - c. A number of conditions have been added as part of the NoR requiring the installation of a gate at the Dorking Road access, notice period to residents for needing to remove parked cars, and requiring a construction traffic plan in connection with the Dorking Road access. These

measures will ensure that that the potential adverse traffic effects on residents of Dorking Road and the surrounding road network will be less than minor.

- d. Additional earthworks will be generated which will be managed through the existing Earthworks Management Plan condition and an additional requirement for engineering certification of the new Dorking Street retaining wall (which will be secured by Designation condition).
- e. The proposed alteration will result in minimal landscape, visual and residential amenity effects and these will continue be managed as part of the Designation conditions.
- f. The proposed alteration will have no more than minor effects on the environment and involve only minor changes to the Designation boundary in accordance with section 181(3)(a) of the Resource Management Act.

As noted above, Wellington City Council accepts the recommendation of the Decision Report issued on 3rd July 2020 and my decision is to confirm the NoR. The alterations to the Omāroro Reservoir Designation (namely to the planning maps and Designation conditions) will be incorporated into the Wellington City Council District Plan

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Moana Mackey', with a large, stylized initial 'M' and a long, sweeping tail.

Moana Mackey
Acting Chief Planning Officer
Wellington City Council