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Subject: RE: Macraes Phase 4 Project -request to clarify vegetation clearance at proposed downstream toe drain and buttress at the Trimbells WRS seepage outlet
Date: Wednesday, 12 March 2025 04:37:05 p.m.
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Hi Phil,

We've been working on the assumption that the toe buttress at Trimbells WRS will be contained to the area between the existing WRS and its associated silt pond (which forms part and parcel of the WRS footprint). Hence resource consent has not been sought for any activity beyond the current footprint of Trimbells WRS. I appreciate that the EGL drawings introduce some confusion here, but these should be taken as indicative only. The buttress will need to be subject to a detailed design noting that it needs to serve a dual purpose (stability maintenance and seepage water quality management).

If the detailed design confirms that works beyond the WRS footprint are necessary, in my (very brief) assessment, the District Plan permits up to 1,000m² of tussock vegetation within the High Country Rural Zone within the Taieri Ridge and Mare Burn mapped area (Rule 16.3.4(21) > Rule [16.6.11.2](#) > Rule 10.3.2.1(c)(ii)). This would comfortably accommodate any additional disturbance.

The following statement should be taken in the context of the assessed area which is illustrated in the image below from the Vegetation and Avifauna Assessment (Appendix 15): *"All of the 700m² of tussock grassland is in the Buffer area of the Zone of Influence (ZOI) and will not be removed."*

I trust this addresses your query. Happy to discuss further if not.



Regards,

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Hi Ethan and Matt,

Can you please review the attached email and imagery (from the Trimbells WRS closure stability report (appendix 5)) regarding an area within DCC boundaries?

I am attempting to determine whether this aspect has been accurately covered in terms of vegetation removal. Whirika have said in annexure 1 dated 29 August 2024 (attached) that (referring to areas within DCC boundaries) *"All of the 700m² of tussock grassland is in the Buffer area of the Zone of Influence (ZOI) and will not be removed."*

This has been taken at face value to date, but now appears to conflict with the imagery from the Trimbells WRS closure stability report (appendix 5) depicting additional vegetation clearance required (albeit a small area). Ideally this matter could be clarified by OGL.

Kind regards,

Phil



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Subject: Macraes Phase 4 Project - Updated Resource Consent Applications and Assessment of Environmental Effects

Good afternoon, Shay, Marian, and Phil,

Please find below a link to the updated Assessment of Environmental Effects and supporting documentation for the Macraes Phase 4 Project. Please let me know if you have any difficulty accessing the documents.

 [09 External sharing folder 18.02.25](#)

Please note the following application appendices have been updated since the initial lodgement on the 28th of March 2024:

- Appendix 5 - EGL (2024b) Trimbells Waste Rock Stack Closure Stability Assessment
- Appendix 6 - PSM (2024a) Macraes Phase 4 Consenting – Project Element 4.3.2 Open Pit Extensions
- Appendix 16 - Whirika (2025) Macraes Phase 4 Project – Ecological Impact Management Plan
- Appendix 18 - Bioresearches (2024b) Lizard Management Plan – Macraes MP4 Project
- Appendix 22 - Ryder (2024c) Macraes Phase 4 – Frasers TSF - Innes Mills Proposed Expansion – Aquatic Ecology Assessment
- Appendix 30 - WGA (2024) Surface and Groundwater Modelling Peer Review

Of the above, Appendix 5, Appendix 6, and Appendix 22 were circulated to the Councils via the s92 process. Appendix 30 was provided via email on 15 May 2024. Appendix 16 and Appendix 18 are versions not previously circulated.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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