

Re: *Tasman Bay Asphalt*

Publicly notified resource consent application for Tasman Bay Asphalt Limited's proposed asphalt plant at 272 Bartlett Road by the Waimea River berm.

Dear Commissioners

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment, as a submitter, on the applicant's offered conditions in relation to the proposal before the Panel.

As previously indicated in both my initial submission and my subsequent statement to the Commissioners at the Panel meeting, I am not anti-development. I can also see a potential need for a second asphalt production facility in the Nelson / Tasman region. However, I reiterate that it is **totally inappropriate to allow the Tasman Bay Asphalt proposal to go ahead on Tasman District Council owned land next to the river berm and within the Waimea River Park.**

The proposal calls for the establishment of a **heavy industrial activity** on the site. This alone should be a reason for rejection. It is also noted that under NZ Ministry for the Environment (EPA) classification such a facility becomes an automatic **HAIL site (E2)**. It is noted that an old rubbish dump is said to be present on the wider area of land previously leased by Downers. This is a HAIL site because of the potential risks associated with such a site. I can see no justification for adding to the risks already at the site and within the Waimea River Park.

Industrial estates have been established throughout New Zealand to facilitate a range of industrial activities (both light and heavy) in dedicated sites designed to minimise the risks associated with such activities. I cannot see any justification for the proposed Asphalt plant to be sited outside of one of these Industrial estates.

In Tasman District Council's Waimea River Park Management Plan, Council recognises that three crushing facilities have been operating historically within the Park. This activity however is considered to be light industrial with an expectation that these activities would cease when the gravel supply is depleted.

The presence of the two remaining crushing facilities currently (Downers have not been operating at the site since 2017) is no justification for the siting of the proposed Asphalt plant on the former Downer site. It should be noted that the Fulton-Hogan crushing facility is located within the Park however the Asphalt plant operated by them is within an Industrial estate in the Nelson area. Obviously aggregate must be continually transported to this site from the crushing plant.

It is also understood that Downers currently operate within the Industrial estate on Lower Queen Street. There are sites available within this estate and it is

therefore logical that every effort should be made by the applicants to site the proposed Asphalt plant on this estate. This would provide ready access to aggregate for such an operation.

In relation to the applicant's offered conditions, they may be suitable for a plant situated in an Industrial estate where risks associated with such an activity can be minimised. Any decision in that regard however would have to be assessed by the appropriate authority.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on applicant's offered conditions, however I must again stress **that the proposed siting of such a plant next to the berm and within the Waimea River Park is totally inappropriate and should be rejected by the Panel.**

Many thanks

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