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Mr Wes ten Hove
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Dear Wes

Masterton Wastewater Decision

I refer to your letter dated 19 December 2002 regarding your Council's concern over conditions 15 to 17 of the consent, and in particular condition 15.

It would seem that the intent of the Hearing Committee was to ensure that progress **was** being made on a long-term solution to eventually replace this short-term consent which is being granted under Section 107 of the Resource Management Act.

As pointed out in your letter, Condition 15 does not define what is meant by "a decision". As it does not exclude a conditional decision, we would have to accept such a decision if this could be shown to be absolutely necessary at the time.

However, I am mindful that the over-riding consideration for both Councils is that the consent allows up to seven years for a new proposal to be implemented and that the public are expecting to see definite progress towards that goal.

Your letter expressing your Council's concern over these conditions has been placed on our file relating to this consent.

Yours faithfully

Colin Wright
Divisional Manager, Wairarapa