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Tēnā koe,

**Publicly Notified Resource Consent Application RMA20250158 – 160 Evenden Road,
Twyford**

Hawke's Bay Regional Council (the Regional Council) appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the notified resource consent application RMA2025158 and acknowledges the benefits of the proposed stock effluent disposal site and multi-fuel energy centre within close proximity to the Hawke's Bay Expressway (SH2). However, we do hold concerns about the application's statement of a "functional and operational need" to locate on highly productive land (HPL).

We wish to direct the processing planner and hearing panels attention to the Hawke's Bay Regional Resource Management Plan (RRMP), particularly POL UD2 which seeks to avoid unnecessary encroachment of business activities onto versatile land and the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land (NPS-HPL) with its clear intent to protect HPL from inappropriate use and development. For use and development of HPL to be considered appropriate under the NPS-HPL, there must be a functional or operational need for an energy centre (consistent with cl 3.9(2)(j)(i)), to be located on HPL. We question whether there is a functional or operational need to locate a fruit shop and café, both of which are larger in footprint than the energy centre retail shop, on HPL.

Regional Council has no objections to the application, subject to proof of a functional or operational necessity for the application, in its entirety, to be situated at the proposed location.

We also wish to note that Regional Council anticipates receiving a resource consent application for stormwater activities and potentially water take, and that PC9 (TANK) rules now have legal effect for new activities under s86F of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

Should you have any queries with regards to the content of this submission please do not hesitate to contact Nichola Nicholson, as below.

The Regional Council does not wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Ngā mihi,



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