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Dorte Wray
Zero Waste Network Aotearoa

Robert Ireland
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Tom Williams
Te Rūnanga o Waihao

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Dear Dorte Wray, Robert Ireland and Tom Williams

Thank you for your letter of 6 October 2022 about the proposed waste to energy plant in Waimate and the resource consent applications from the applicant, South Island Resource Recovery Limited, to Environment Canterbury (ECAN) and the Waimate District Council (WDC).

I would like to clarify that under Section 142 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) my call-in powers would mean that the application would be referred to a board of inquiry or Environment Court for decision.

On the 28 November 2022, ECAN and WDC received updated applications from the applicant. At this point, officials and I are waiting for ECAN and WDC to review the new application and decide whether to accept it for processing. I am only able to consider calling in the application once this has occurred.

With regards to the specifics you make in your letter, I encourage you make a submission on the application addressing your concerns when public consultation occurs.

I would also like to update you on the proposed waste to energy plant in Te Awamutu, by Global Contracting Solutions. I did not call this application in, and it is currently being considered by Waipā District Council and Waikato Regional Council. Officials inform me that the applications will be publicly notified, I encourage you to make a submission to this process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker'.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment