

**MEETING TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED HMR WIND FARM ON
FRESHWATER BIOTA, 15 April 2009**

ATTENDEES AT TELECON MEETING

Michael Lake and Gerry Kessels

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

We agreed at this meeting to focus the discussion on what we consider to be the two outstanding issues relating to effects on aquatic fauna and flora and their habitats. These were:

- Seeps & gully wetlands;
- Mitigation of the temperature related effects of the proposed abstraction and for the loss of instream habitat associated with the culvert construction.

Seeps

Mr Kessels explained how he had recommended in his rebuttal that seeps be assessed with the relevant EW RPS criteria and that if the seep is not of regional significance avoidance where practical is a reasonable option.

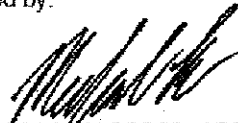
Mr Lake differs in that he considered that seeps have important wider ecological function outside of their on-site ecological values and that all seeps should be avoided when assessing areas for fill sites.

Level of mitigation for water abstraction and habitat loss

There is disagreement between Mr Lake and Mr Kessels of the quantum of mitigation required for the activities. Mr Kessels considers that the proposed conditions for the abstraction of water from the affected streams is sufficient to ensure that effects on instream temperature, and hence aquatic biota, will be no more than minor and that the mitigation package proposed by Mr Tonks is adequate and primarily relates to the offset of habitat lost as a consequence of the culvert placement.

Mr Lake notes that there is inconsistency between Mr Tonks and Mr Kessels rebuttal evidence in relation to what the mitigation specifically relates to (i.e. water temperature versus loss of culvert habitat) and is concerned that this could be taken to mean that the applicant is seeking that no mitigation be undertaken for either potential impact.

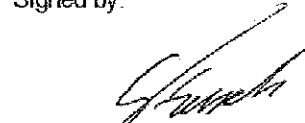
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Michael Lake

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