

RESOURCE CONSENT 95/7 - SOUTHGAS JV - WALLACE WARD

Your letter of 19 January 1995 refers and on behalf of the Southgas Joint Venture we respond to the matters raised in respect of the Resource Consent application as follows:-

1. WATER SUPPLY

We confirm that water will only be abstracted from the Ohai Township reticulation system in accordance with the conditions set down in Mr B Auld's letter to us of 19 December 1994.

2. NUMBER OF WELLS

We confirm that the proposal is to drill two wells on the Levett property and that this is the substance of the current resource consent application.

Should testing of these initial wells prove to be successful it is proposed to drill two further wells on the property of Mr R Powell and this work will be the basis of a separate application for a land use consent when appropriate.

3. FINISH OF TESTING

On completion of testing an assessment will be made as to whether the wells can become part of a production field or be abandoned.

If the latter course is followed all structures will be removed, the wells will be capped with a concrete plug below ground level, the access ways removed, and the ground restored to its original condition.

Should a decision be made to develop a production field then additional resource consents will be sought for this work at the appropriate time. In the interim the well heads will be capped and secured.

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4. BRIDGES AND CULVERTS

We confirm that no bridge or culvert crossings will be constructed as part of the work proposed within the scope of the current land use consent application. We are aware that Southland Regional Council approval is necessary before constructing bridging or culverting works and we confirm that all necessary approvals will be sought if such structures form part of any future work.

Yours faithfully DUFFILL WATTS & KING LTD per:

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