

Tamarind development drilling applications

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Taranaki (Paul Lampe)

Submitter Type: Organisation

Source: Email

Overall Notes:

Clause

Do you have the authority to make this submission on behalf of the person named on this form?

Position

Yes

Notes

Clause

Do you intend to have a spokesperson who will act on your behalf (e.g. a lawyer or professional advisor)?

Position

No

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Clause

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing?

Position

No I/we do not wish to speak to my/our submission at the hearing

Notes

Clause

Do you wish to receive regular updates from the EPA about the progress of this application?

Position

No I/we only wish to be notified of the decision (and the hearing times and locations if I'm speaking to my submission).

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What decision do you want the Board to make and why? Provide reasons in the box below.

Position

Neutral

Notes

See attachment for full submission.

The submitter have elected to withhold their personal details from publication.

Tamarind (previously AWE) has been the principal sponsor of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Taranaki since we made our first match with a volunteer mentor and a young person in 2007.

Initial sponsorship was \$100,000 per annum and continued for several years at that level and for the last few years at \$75,000 per annum. Over the 12 years that we have been running that is total sponsorship of approximately \$1,000,000 which has enabled us to employ good staff and become established in Taranaki and sustainable.

We are a charitable trust and do not receive any government funding. We currently manage over 120 wonderful volunteers who every week spend quality time with a young person aged between 6 and 17 years. Over the last decade we have therefore assisted literally hundreds of young people in Taranaki who have all been at risk in some way(s) prior to entry into our programme and without Tamarind's sponsorship our very successful programme would never have got off the ground. The average length of each match that we manage is 3 years.

Tamarind continue to provide very significant sponsorship each and every year and we are therefore very pleased to be associated with Tamarind. In addition to their generous financial support Tamarind also support us at a governance level, having a representative on our Board of Trustees. We understand that Tamarind manage their operations in a safe and environmentally friendly way and for all of these reasons we support Tamarind's applications for the consents that they are seeking from the Environmental Protection Authority.