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Dear ECan

Greenpeace NZ opposes Oceania Dairy Limited's application for resource consents for the construction of a 7.5 kilometre pipeline and the discharge of treated wastewater from its milk-processing factory, into the Coastal Marine Area.

In the consent application notice, Oceania Dairy acknowledges that "the discharge may result in contaminants entering coastal waters", including "pathogenic micro-organisms, nutrients, suspended solids, diluted cleaning products and dissolved salts".

The Pacific Ocean is not a dumping ground.

We are highly concerned about the impact the proposed discharge would have on the coastal marine environment.

Furthermore, dairying is NZ's single largest climate emitter and water polluter. In the midst of a national freshwater crisis and a global climate emergency, dairy expansion is the exact opposite of what must be done.

We must reduce cow numbers and milk volume.

Allowing a dairy processing factory to expand its processing volume and treat the Pacific Ocean like its own personal dump is unacceptable in 2019.

We urge ECan to decline these consents.

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