

FAST TRACK CONSENTING – Ahuriri Hapū (Mana Ahuriri Trust)

AGENDA AND NOTES

Friday 26th January 2024, 3.30pm

Online meeting

Attendees

Name	Role	Organisation
Te Kaha Hawaikirangi	Chairperson	Ahuriri Hapū
Parris Greening	General Manager	Ahuriri Hapū
Senitra Nathan-Marsh	Pou Taiao	Ahuriri Hapū
Daran Ponter	Engagement Lead	Ministry for the Environment
Christine Lanham	Principal Advisor (Acting)	Ministry for the Environment
Beverly Kemp-Harmer	Kaiwhakatere Regional Navigator	Ministry for the Environment
Arron Cox	Manager, RM System	Ministry for the Environment
Craig Davison	Senior Analyst, Freshwater Allocation	Ministry for the Environment
Kitty Sneyd-Utting	Business Support Coordinator	Ministry for the Environment

Items

1	Mihi whakatau, karakia
2	Overview of FTC proposals
3	Overview of NPS-FM proposals
4	Discussion and next steps
5	Whakakapi, karakia

Meeting notes

Discussion notes	D1	Mihi whakatau, karakia
	D2	<p>Overview of FTC proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government to send a letter to PSGEs soon [Sent by Minister Bishop on 31/01/2021]. The letter will give a sense of the two pieces of work underway – Fast Track Consenting (FTC) and National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM) changes. Many details still to be determined. - A further hui will be organised to discuss the fast-tracking consenting proposal in more detail [Now organised for 11am, Monday 12 February, Mana Ahuriri Trust Offices]. <p><i>MFE:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government is introducing a permanent fast track regime as part of 100-day plan – FTC legislation to be introduced by 7th March 2024. - Would draw on elements of the interim/NBA and Covid-19 fast track regimes. - Two key steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Referral: Under the proposed new FTS regime, individuals / groups could apply to the Minister to have a project fast tracked. The Minister would consider the project against criteria to determine eligibility. If eligible, the Minister would consult other ministers, local government and PSGEs before deciding whether to refer the application to an Expert Panel. ○ Expert Panel: to determine consent/approval and any conditions. Would consult other parties such as district councils and PSGEs. - Eligibility criteria still to be determined. Further information to come over next weeks.
	D3	Out of scope



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	D4	<p>Discussion and notes:</p> <p><u>FTC</u></p> <p><i>Mana Ahuriri</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fast track can be a good thing and can be concerning. Could be easier to get things consented, but also creates risk of inadequate engagement.- Ahuriri Hapū has an obligation to advocate for the mana whenua voice. With the commitment to uphold Treaty settlements, hope will be properly consulted as a Treaty partner.- Will iwi have access to the FTC regime, and will 'regionally significant' be broad enough to include what we consider is regionally significant? – is it using iwi boundaries, towns, cities, regions or all of the above? <p><i>MFE:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To be determined, but may be flexible region by region, feedback noted. <p><i>Mana Ahuriri</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Foresee advantages and also great risk that timeframes may not allow sufficient due diligence and time to consider the impacts of applications. Concerns about how Environmental Impact Assessments and Cultural Impact Assessments will be affected. In the steps between referral and the expert panel, will need cultural impact assessments to be done with due diligence, really important. How long would the expert panel process be?- Changes to other legislation risk lessening protections for taonga species, which are there for a reason. For heritage, will this navigate around our sites of significance, wahi tapu and wahi taonga? We put in a huge amount of work to have 700 sites of significance recorded in the Napier District Plan, what happens with those? How would PSGE representation be managed on the Expert Panel if there are many PSGEs? If an application concerns an awa, different hapu on this awa would want a voice. There would need to be flexibility to ensure that iwi and hapū all have the opportunity to have a voice – they have shared interests but do not speak on each other's behalf.- Don't want to see this process split and divide iwi – a complication that will be relevant in many other regions too.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- In this referral process, will PSGEs be given putea, time and resource to spend time assessing the impacts of applications? <p><i>MFE:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Some details still to be worked through.- More information would be required for the panel stage than at referral stage.- Panel would consider how to provide for issues raised, such as wāhi tapu in the district plan.- Previous regimes didn't provide for funding for involvement in the FTC process, but we can look into the question. <p>Out of scope</p>
	D5	Whakakapi, karakia
Actions	A1	Out of scope
	A2	Arron to outline what changes will be made to the Heritage and Conservation acts.
	A3	Action: Daran to arrange face to face hui a iwi in Napier for early February. [Now organised for 11am, Monday 12 February, Mana Ahuriri Trust Offices].