



RM REFORM UPHOLDING SETTLEMENT – RANGITĀNE O MANAWATŪ SETTLEMENT TRUST

AGENDA AND NOTES

29 January 2024, 11am

Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Name	Role	Organisation
Debbie Te Puni	CEO	Rangitāne o Manawatū Settlement Trust
David Tapsell	Engagement Lead	Ministry for the Environment
Christine Lanham	Senior Policy Analyst, Treaty Settlements	Ministry for the Environment
Hamony Karikari	Business Support Coordinator	Ministry for the Environment
Jo Gascoigne	GM – RM System (FTC)	Ministry for the Environment
Richard Harmon	Kaiwhakaterere – Regional Navigator	Ministry for the Environment
Alice Jacobs	Senior Advisor (NPSFM)	Ministry for the Environment

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Meeting notes

Discussion notes	D1	Karakia
	D2	Mihimihi
	D3	Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An opportunity for Rangitāne o Manawatū and MfE (Ministry for the Environment) to meet and discuss some key policy areas in the Government's 100-Day Plan.
	D4	Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you for meeting us at such short notice. The timeframes are very tight and we apologise for that. We have until 12th February to hear back from you with any further thoughts and ideas about what we're discussing today.• The Government has said Treaty settlements will be upheld. We don't have the detail for that yet as officials still working on it, but we will get this to you as soon as we can.• Jo Gascoigne and Alice Jacobs to provide an overview on Fast Track consenting proposals (FTC) and the NPS-FM (National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management) respectively.• Letter will be coming from Minister very soon – Will look to have more engagement after that. Still in the early policy development stages.
	D5a	Fast Track Consenting (FTC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New regime will draw on previous regimes: the Covid and interim NBA (Natural and Built Environment Act) fast track consenting regime models.• A key difference between the proposed regime and the Covid regime (which focused on creating jobs and its impact on our economy), is intention that it be permanent, and purpose: will be designed to enable nationally or regionally significant



development in key areas such as infrastructure, housing, and aquaculture. There will be criteria for determining which projects are eligible.

- There will be some listed projects, where sufficient details are already available relating to those projects to assess them against criteria. Other projects will need to go through a referral process.
- Initial assessment will be at Ministerial level before referral to an Expert Panel for decision-making. Bill would support a strong presumption that projects referred to the Expert Panel will have their necessary approvals granted.
- Part of process will be upholding Treaty settlements. Protections will be designed to ensure settlements are upheld through this process.
- Legislation will focus on RMA (Resource Management Act) consents but may provide for approvals under other legislation as well and could extend to approvals under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014, Conservation Act 1987, Wildlife Act 1953 and/or Reserves Act 1977.
- Process - Part of Government's 100-Day Plan, with the introduction of the Bill scheduled for 7 March.
- If Iwi have initiatives themselves – would also need to meet eligibility criteria.
- Any feedback provided in the next two weeks would be useful.
- Debbie to have korero with board in the next week. Will emphasise that policy development is occurring swiftly.

D5b

Out of scope



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	D6	Next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Timeframes around engagement – would like to come back to talk about more detail. Key period is by 12 February.• Out of scope
	D7	Karakia
Actions	A1	MfE to pass feedback on to wider team.