

FAST TRACK CONSENTING / NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT – FRESHWATER MANAGEMENT – WHAKATŌHEA KAITIAKI FORUM

AGENDA AND NOTES

9 February 2024

11am

Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Name	Role	Organisation
Jason Pou	Legal Advisor Cheif Tonotono	Whakatōhea Kaitiaki Forum
Vaughan Payne	Chair	Whakatōhea Kaitiaki Forum
Arihia Tuoro	Tonotono	Whakatōhea Kaitiaki Forum
Laws Lawson		Whakatōhea Kaitiaki Forum
Glenn Webber	Engagement Lead — Treaty Settlement Team	Ministry for the Environment
Pearl Carre	Senior Analyst – Treaty Settlement Team	Ministry for the Environment
Hamony Karikari	Business Support Coordinator – Treaty Settlements Team	Ministry for the Environment
Motoi Doherty	Kaiwhakatere	Ministry for the Environment
Arron Cox	Principal Advisor – Fas	Ministry for the Environment
Eleanor Rainsford	Manager – Fast Track team-Freshwater Management	Ministry for the Environment

Items [change as appropriate]

1	Mihi whakatau, karakia	
2	Mihimihi	
3	Purpose	



4	Overview
5	Discussion
6	Next steps
7	Whakakapi, karakia



Meeting notes

	D1 Karakia	
	out of scope	
Discussion		
notes		



	Out of scope
D4	Fast Track Consent (FTC)
	Regime to be implemented 7 March
	Process
	FTC open to wide range of projects, regionally and nationally significance
	Covid and NBA provisions - RMA was used to make decision approvals only. Panels have broad ability to decline consents.
	Government would like to include approvals for other legislation, cultural, reserves, wildlife Act and more.
	Legislation will include a list of projects referred to expert panel and projects will potentially be unable to be declined by panels.
	Still apply to be fast track if not a listed project – this will go through responsible minister, if eligible it will be passed on to expert panel.
	Will need to seek comment from PSGEs, councils and other ministers.
	Referral will be PSGEs for second stages likely a broader range including lwi, Hapu and others with interest.
	 Engagement with Māori groups – Expeditious. should be all groups not just someone with Waitangi tribunal claim. Mandated groups for the activity going through, in some cases not PSGEs. Could look at Auckland statutory boards. Lack of cohesion.
	Ministers decision to fast track process can be judicial reviewed. Panel can't do public hearings, limited appeal rights.
	Patai
	Want to assist to make things recognised – Particular things struggling with would like to inform us.



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	 Wouldn't want to be in two separate regimes, legislation when it comes to aquaculture needs to be in parallel.
	 Working with MPI around eligibility – Iwi aquacultural organisations would want ability to move. Strong impression with MPI about putting more wording to get leg up through the process.
	 Working with MPI on identified projects to be listed in the legislation. Two schedules directly to panel, and projects apply to be referred by Ministers. First list will be tight, second list could be broad.
	Don't want to miss bus for applications.
	Type A list – information around what project is would need special indications.
	Looking for things that will be in the rights for the Minister and what it is going though.
	 Loop in MPI and MFE when letter goes to Bishop and Jones. Already to go type projects is what they are looking for.
	 Material to make sure all information is there to get into the tight list. Locations, coordinates, how quickly to lodge consents, information on work for environmental effects, description of project.
	Jason Pou to send letter Monday/Tuesday, truncated assessment sooner rather than later.
D5	Final comments
	When landed if there is anything missing will be ready to respond immediately.
D6	Karakia
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