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From: [Chris Garton](#)
To: [FTPAGsecretariat](#)
Cc: [Listed Projects](#); [callum](#); [Shayne Elstob](#); [9\(2\)\(a\)](#); [Fraser McCallum](#)
Subject: RE: Fast-Track Projects - Request for further information regarding your application [classification : RELEASE-EXTERNAL]
Date: Friday, 26 July 2024 9:06:45 am
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Kia ora,

Thanks for your email on the 22nd of July.

In answer to your question, if the Advisory Group decides that our project (Bream Bay Sand Extraction Project) does not qualify for Schedule 2A, but that it would qualify under 2B, then **we agree** to our project being recommended as listed under 2B.

Nevertheless, given the urgency for a reliable supply of high quality sand for the construction industry in Auckland and Northland, our first preference would be for our project to be listed under schedule 2A.

Thanks

Ngā mihi | Regards



CHRIS GARTON
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER

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From: FTPAGsecretariat <FTPAGsecretariat@mbie.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 4:18 PM

To: Chris Garton <[9\(2\)\(a\)](#)>

Cc: 'listedprojects@mfe.govt.nz' <listedprojects@mfe.govt.nz>

Subject: Fast-Track Projects - Request for further information regarding your application [IN-CONFIDENCE: RELEASE-EXTERNAL]

Tēnā koe,

Thank you for submitting an application for your project (**Bream Bay Sand Extraction Project**) to be listed in the Fast-Track Approvals Bills.

We are writing to you as Secretariat for the Fast-Track Projects Advisory Group (the Advisory Group).

You have applied for your project to be listed under Schedule 2A.

- **If the Advisory Group decides that your project does not qualify for 2A, but that it would qualify under 2B, would you agree to your project being recommended as listed under 2B?**

It should be noted that the Advisory Group makes recommendations to delegated Ministers. Ministers and then Cabinet make approvals on projects to be listed in Schedule 2A of the Bill.

Please provide a response to the FTPAG Secretariat (FTPAGsecretariat@mbie.govt.nz) by **12pm Friday 26 July**. Please ensure all information provided accurately and sufficiently answers the question listed above.

Ngā mihi,

FTPAG Secretariat

Document 2

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Subject: RE: Fast-Track Projects - Request for further information regarding your application [CLASSIFIC RELEASE-EXTERNAL]
Date: Tuesday, 6 August 2024 9:16:16 pm
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Kia ora FTPAG Secretariat,

I am writing this email to follow up on my reply sent on the 26th of July regarding our project (Bream Bay Sand Extraction Project). In that email I stated 'given the urgency for a reliable supply of high quality sand for the construction industry in Auckland and Northland, our first preference would be for our project to be listed under schedule 2A.' I would like to expand on this statement further to describe the urgency of the sand supply situation in the Auckland Region.

Industry is reporting concrete volumes in the Auckland region to be down approximately 30% from the previous peaks of 2021 due to the current slump in the construction sector. This is much more than the roughly 15% reported by Stats NZ in their last quarterly update on concrete volumes (to March 2024). The Auckland regional demand for sand in 2021 across all sectors was estimated at approximately 1,000,000 tonnes per annum with concrete making up around 70% of this volume. The vast majority of the sand sourced for making concrete (80-90%) is marine sand from the Kaipara Harbour and in deep water off the Mangawhai-Pākiri Embayment (using a temporary and limited consent expiring in 2026). These sources are currently running at very near their maximum practical capacity and the current downturn is masking critical sand supply issues in the market.

Marine sand is an essential component of high-strength concrete comprising around 20% of the total mass and it cannot be substituted easily for many land-based sands due to their lower quality. If there are no new sources of marine-based sand available when the Auckland construction sector picks up again, it will hit a sand supply wall. Projects involving concrete, in particular high-strength concrete, will likely face significant delays and cost increases. In turn, this will hamstring the economic recovery of the region. Quite simply, the current sand supply market cannot facilitate a construction rebound in the Auckland Region and cannot deliver the additional high quality sand required for significant infrastructure projects.

We understand that Schedule 2A will include significant infrastructure projects. Due to the urgency of the current sand situation, we believe that applications for supplying marine sand to the Auckland Region should be given a high priority and be on Schedule 2A so that these significant infrastructure projects can be delivered. We strongly recommend that our application be given the fastest pathway so that Auckland can avoid the disaster that we see coming.

Ngā mihi | Regards



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We are writing to you as Secretariat for the Fast-Track Projects Advisory Group (the Advisory Group).

You have applied for your project to be listed under Schedule 2A.

- **If the Advisory Group decides that your project does not qualify for 2A, but that it would qualify under 2B, would you agree to your project being recommended as listed under 2B?**

It should be noted that the Advisory Group makes recommendations to delegated Ministers. Ministers and then Cabinet make approvals on projects to be listed in Schedule 2A of the Bill.

Please provide a response to the FTPAG Secretariat (FTPAGsecretariat@mbie.govt.nz) by **12pm Friday 26 July**. Please ensure all information provided accurately and sufficiently answers the question listed above.

Ngā mihi,

FTPAG Secretariat

Document 3

From: [Listed Projects](#)
To: 9(2)(a)
Subject: [COMMERCIAL]Public release of Listed Projects application- 082
Date: Thursday, 8 August 2024 12:49:32 pm
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[082.04 - Attachments 2,3,4,5,7,8,10.pdf](#)
[082.03 - Attachment 6.pdf](#)
[082.02 - Attachment 1.pdf](#)
[082.01 - response-ANON-URZ4-5FYS-V.pdf](#)
[82.06_Query regarding Bream Bay Sand Extraction Project application.pdf](#)
[082.05 - Attachment 9.pdf](#)

Attachments refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as they are publicly available

Dear Chris

Thank you for your participation in the Fast-track Approvals Bill (the Bill) Listed Project process to date. The purpose of this email is to provide you with an update on application progress, and to advise you about next steps for applications, and for the proactive release of application documents.

Assessment of applications

As you may be aware, an Advisory Group has been reviewing all the project applications with a view to making recommendations to the delegated Ministers: Hons Bishop, Minister for Infrastructure; Hon Brown, Minister of Transport; and Hon Jones, Minister for Regional Development on which projects should be included in each of Schedule 2, Part A and Part B of the Bill.

As this work nears completion, it is timely to provide applicants with an update on next steps: Once the Advisory Group has provided their recommendation report to Ministers in early August, delegated Ministers will then commence their own decision-making process on the recommendations. Cabinet will make final decisions on Schedules 2A and 2B.

In the interim, we will be undertaking confidential consultation and engagement including as required with relevant Treaty settlement entities, and also with relevant Government agencies.

You will be advised on whether your project will be proposed to be listed in Schedule 2 once final decisions have been made on the Bill.

Proactive release of documents

We last contacted you about proactive release on 25 June 2024 to assist with decision-making in response to requests under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). We did not release any applicant or project information at that time.

To align with good Government practice, and as previously advised (including on the Fast-track Listed project application form) we intend to proactively release your application documentation on the Ministry for the Environment website.

Please find linked/attached the application documents we received from you. **Can you review this information and either add strike-out or add commentary notes to information that you do not wish to be proactively released including any reasons for this request? This will need to be returned to us within 5 working days of receiving this request.** Please note our team will apply the redactions in accordance with Government guidelines for proactive release, which may result in additional redactions for consistency (ie, such as private contact details). Please be aware that we are required to assess all OIA requests against the statutory criteria, which may result in the release of material which had previously been marked for redaction under proactive release. (That is, information not proactively released at this point can still be requested under the OIA in the future).

We expect the proactively released information to be published here [Fast-track approvals proposed process | Ministry for the Environment](#) between September and

early November 2024.

If you have any questions about the processes outlined above, please contact ListedProjects@mfe.govt.nz in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Stephanie Frame

Manager, Fast-track Implementation



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Document 4

From: [Listed Projects](#)
To: 9(2)(a)
Subject: Fast-track Approvals Bill Listed Projects update
Date: Saturday, 5 October 2024 5:49:01 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Applicant,

Project included in Schedule 2 of the Fast-track Approvals Bill

Thank you for McCallum Brothers Limited's application to have Bream Bay Sand Extraction Project included as a listed project on Schedule 2 of the Fast-track Approvals Bill (the Bill).

I am pleased to inform you that Bream Bay Sand Extraction Project will be listed in Schedule 2 of the Bill.

Ministers will be releasing high level details of the projects on Schedule 2 on or around Sunday 6 October. **Please keep the contents of this email confidential until Ministers' announcements have been made.**

The project was assessed by an independent Projects Advisory Group and the Minister Responsible for Resource Management Reform, Minister for Regional Development and Minister of Transport, who consider the project meets the Bill's purpose to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefit.

Please note that being listed in Schedule 2 is not a granting of the necessary approvals. Applicants for projects listed in Schedule 2 still have to make an application to the Environmental Protection Authority and their project will still be assessed under the Bill, once enacted.

The Fast-track Approvals Bill is due to be reported back from Select Committee on 18 October 2024. From there, Schedule 2 will be included in the Bill later this year. The Bill is expected to be enacted before the end of the year.

If you have any questions please contact listedprojects@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



Ilana Miller
General Manager Delivery and Operations