

From: [Stephanie Frame](#)
To: [Stephen Daysh](#)
Cc: [Sara Clarke](#); [Loretta Lovell](#); [Ilana Miller](#); [Max Gander-Cooper](#); [Ashiley Sycamore](#)
Subject: [COMMERCIAL]RE: Follow-up Discussion regarding Taheke 8C Draft Referral Application
Date: Monday, 28 April 2025 3:41:56 pm
Attachments: [DRAFT Taheke 8C Hydroelectric Scheme - Reasons for incomplete referral application.pdf](#)
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Sent: Monday, 28 April 2025 12:02 pm
To: Stephanie Frame 9(2)(a)
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Ngā mihi,

Stephen



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Partner

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Maggie Vickers

From: FastTrack Referral <Referral@fasttrack.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 9 April 2025 4:21 pm
To: Mark Henery
Subject: Fast-track referral application - submitted CRM:0342008

Kia ora Mark,

Thank you for submitting your referral application in the Fast-track applications portal, we thought we would let you know the process and timings from here. The status of your application at present is **submitted**.

You will receive an invoice within the next 48 hours, and the referrals team will be advised when your payment has been received. At that point, the status of your application will become **lodged**, and our team will commence assessing your application for compliance as per section 14 (1) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA). We have a 10-day statutory timeframe for this work. You may be contacted by us during that time if there are some quick questions regarding your application, however this will be unlikely in most cases.

If your application is deemed non-compliant, you will receive a letter from us advising you of the reasons why, on or before day 10 post-lodgement.

If your application is deemed compliant, we will progress your application to the next stage. This involves the Minister for Infrastructure making a decision to invite comments from various parties, as described in Section 17 of the FTAA. We will update you again at that point.

Ngā mihi

FTAA Referral Team

Maggie Vickers

From: Mehwish Imam 9(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, 11 April 2025 9:48 am
To: Peter Mason
Subject: Taheke 8C Limited - FTAA-2504-1045 Application fee and levy invoice CRM:0355041
Attachments: Taheke 8C Limited - FTAA-2504-1045 Levy invoice.pdf; Taheke 8C Limited - FTAA-2504-1045 Application fee invoice.pdf

Kia ora,

I hope this message finds you well.

I have attached the levy and the application fee invoice for your referral application. Please review the documents at your convenience.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, feel free to reach out.

Ngā mihi,

Mehwish Imam



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TAX INVOICE

Taheke 8C Limited
9(2)(a) [Redacted]
[Redacted]

Invoice No.: 5726
Invoice Date: 10/04/2025
Terms: IMMEDIATE
Application No.: FTAA-2504-1045
Application Name: Taheke 8C Hydroelectric Scheme
Customer No.: 700071
Customer NZBN: 9429051468385
Customer PO No.:

Description	Application Name	Amount
Fast-track Levy - Referral	Taheke 8C Hydroelectric Scheme	6,700.00
	Subtotal	6,700.00
	GST	1,005.00
	Total Amount Due (NZD)	7,705.00

Payment Details

Customer Name: Taheke 8C Limited
Customer No.: 700071
Invoice No.: 5726

Remit to

Swift Code: WPACNZ2W
Account: 03-0584-0197707-002
Westpac, 318 Lambton Quay,
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Parnell

Auckland

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Application Name: Taheke 8C Hydroelectric
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Customer No.: 700071
Customer NZBN: 9429051468385

Description	Application Name	Amount
Application Fee - Deposit - Referral	Taheke 8C Hydroelectric Scheme	\$12,000.00
	Subtotal	\$12,000.00
	GST	\$1,800.00
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Taheke 8C Hydroelectric Scheme – Reasons for incomplete referral application

This summary has been prepared following the compliance check assessment. It sets out:

1. Key reasons for non-compliance – unlikely to be able to be resolved within the current compliance check timeframe
2. Other reasons for non-compliance – could be addressed by the applicant within the current compliance check timeframe
3. Text in italics indicates the action required by the applicant to resolve the issue

Key reasons for non-compliance

Issue 1: The project includes 'ineligible activities' under Section 5:

- Section 5(1)(a): 9(2)(b)(ii)
[Redacted]
- Section 5(1)(k): 9(2)(b)(ii)
[Redacted]

Issue 2: Missing/incomplete information under Section 13:

- Section 13(4)(s): 9(2)(b)(ii)
[Redacted]

Other reasons for non-compliance

These issues might have been easily resolved if they were the only issues:

- Section 13(4)(o): 9(2)(b)(ii)
[Redacted]

- **Section 13(4)(s):** The applicant has included historic Records of Title but should provide all current Records of Title relevant to the project area to illustrate present current ownership and legal description. *To resolve this issue, the applicant needs to provide current Records of Title and identify any matters from those Records of Title that may affect the applicant's ability to undertake the works.*
- **Section 13(4)(t):** The applicant must outline the necessary consents, certificates, designations, concessions, and other legal authorisations for the project. While they acknowledge the need for additional approvals, a detailed outline as required by s13(4)(t) is missing. *To resolve this issue, the applicant must provide a detailed outline the necessary consents, certificates, designations, concessions, and other legal authorisations for the project. This includes:*
 - 9(2)(ba)(i)
[Redacted]
 - 9(2)(b)(ii)
[Redacted]
 - connection approval or other approvals from Transpower or the local lines company
 - separate approval for regulation 44 under the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983 (because the Act does not cover approvals under regulation 44)
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Ngā mihi,
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1 May 2025

C/- Agent for the applicant

Mitchell Daysh Ltd

Stephen Daysh - 9(2)(a)

Dear Stephen

Decision on compliance of the referral application for the Taheke 8C Hydroelectric Scheme project under section 14(2) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

On 14 April 2025, you lodged an application for fast-track referral for the Taheke 8C Hydroelectric Scheme project with the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act).

MfE is responsible for determining whether referral applications are compliant with section 14(2) of the Act. For an application to be compliant with section 14(2), the following criteria must be met:

- the application must comply with the requirements for referral applications in section 13 of the Act;
- MfE must consider that the project may be capable of satisfying the criteria in section 22 of the Act, and does not appear to involve an ineligible activity; and
- all fees and charges payable under regulations in respect of the application must have been paid.

MfE has determined that your application does not comply with the requirements in section 14(2) of the Act for the reasons outlined below.

1. The application appears to involve an ineligible activity, or has not provided sufficient information to demonstrate the project excludes an ineligible activity being:

a. Section 5(1)(a) – 9(2)(b)(ii)

[Redacted content]

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b. Section 5(1)(k) – 9(2)(b)(ii) [Redacted]

2. The application does not include the following information to demonstrate compliance with section 13 of the Act:

a. Section 13(4)(c) – requirement to demonstrate that the project does not involve any ineligible activities (other than activities that may be the subject of a determination under section 23 or 24). The application appears to involve the ineligible activities described under section 5(1)(a) and section 5(1)(k) as detailed above. *To resolve this issue, any future application should include the information detailed above or otherwise provide sufficient information to demonstrate that the project does not involve any ineligible activities.*

b. Section 13(4)(o) – 9(2)(b)(ii) [Redacted]

c. Section 13(4)(s) – requirement to describe the applicant’s legal interest in the land on which the project will occur, including a statement of how that affects the applicant’s ability to undertake the work. 9(2)(b)(ii) [Redacted]

9(2)(b)(ii)

- d. Section 13(4)(s) – requirement to describe the applicant’s legal interest in the land on which the project will occur, including a statement of how that affects the applicant’s ability to undertake the work. The application as lodged included historic Records of Title, rather than current Records of Title. *To resolve this issue, any future application should include all current Records of Title within the project area and identify any matters from those Records of Title that may affect the applicant’s ability to undertake the works.*
- e. Section 13(4)(t) – requirement to provide an outline of the types of consents, certificates, designations, concessions, and other legal authorisations (other than contractual authorisations or the proposed approvals) that the applicant considers are needed to authorise the project, including any that the applicant considers may be needed by someone other than the applicant. The applicant acknowledges the need for additional consents, certificates, designations, concessions, and legal authorisations for the project. However, an outline in line with s13(4)(t) has not been provided, and detail on whether there are other necessary approvals is insufficient. *To resolve this issue, any future application should include an outline of the following approvals (if required) in accordance with s13(4)(t):*
- 9(2)(b)(ii)
 - connection approval or other approvals from Transpower or the local lines company
 - separate approval for regulation 44 under the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983
 - any other necessary consents, certificates, designations, concessions, and legal authorisations to authorise the project.

In accordance with section 14(5) of the Act, the referral application is deemed non-compliant, and the application must be returned to the applicant.

If you would like to discuss the reasons the application has been returned, please contact the fast-track referrals team at the following email address: referral@fasttrack.govt.nz. If you choose to lodge a new application for this project, it will be treated as a new application in accordance with section 14(6)(a) of the Act.

Cost recovery

Under Regulation 5 of the Fast-track Approvals (Cost Recovery) Regulations 2025 you are liable for actual and reasonable costs incurred in processing your application. If the actual and reasonable costs are less than the application fee paid, then the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) may issue you with a refund. Alternatively, if the actual and reasonable costs exceed the application fee, then the EPA may seek further fees from you. The EPA will provide you with information to advise you on this and can be contacted through the email address or phone number below.

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Under Regulation 7, the EPA has discretion in whole or in part, for waiver or a refund of the levy. Further guidance is provided on the Fast-track website under '[Fees, charges and cost recovery](#)'. This discretion includes, amongst other things, if you intend to submit a new application for substantially the same project as a previous application. I recommend you contact the EPA to discuss any potential waiver prior to submitting a new application.

If you have any queries about this letter or need assistance, please email contact@fasttrack.govt.nz or phone 0800 FASTRK (0800 327 875).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ilana Miller', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ilana Miller
General Manager, Delivery and Operations

Maggie Vickers

From: FastTrack Referral <Referral@fasttrack.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 5 May 2025 10:00 am
To: Stephen Daysh
Cc: # Max Gander-Cooper; Peter Mason; Stephanie Frame; Taheke 8C Hydroelectric Scheme
Subject: RE: Taheke 8C Limited - FTAA-2504-1045 - Taheke 8C Hydroelectric Scheme - Decision on compliance under s14(2) CRM:0334372

Thank you Stephen,
we will forward your email to the EPA Finance team, and they will be in touch.

Maggie
Fast-track Referrals team

----- Original Message -----

From: Stephen Daysh 9(2)(a)
Received: Fri May 02 2025 15:09:37 GMT+1200 (New Zealand Standard Time)
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Kia ora korua,

Thank you for your letter setting out the matters requiring action in our referral application. We are actioning them and plan to refile a further compliant application as a matter of urgency. With regard to the information regarding cost recovery under Regulation 5 of the Fast-track Approvals (Cost Recovery) Regulations 2025, we understand that there's a possibility of either a refund or additional charges depending on the actual costs of processing the application to date. We would anticipate that there is money remaining as in addition to the initial compliance review, certain actions (third party engagement) had not yet occurred.

Given this, and our intent to file again, we'd prefer if possible that the agencies hold onto the current fee for now. With the largely technical nature of the compliance matters raised with our further application we anticipate the application will be very similar to the original - it will relate to the same Scheme and activities, and we plan therefore to request a waiver of any additional application fee upon filing.

Keeping the existing fee in place would help simplify things and avoid unnecessary back-and-forth if the waiver is approved.

Please let us know if you need anything further from us in the meantime.

Ngā Mihi,
Stephen



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Ngā mihi,
Fast-track Referrals Team

From: [Stephanie Frame](#)
To: [Ashley Sycamore](#)
Subject: FW: Taheke 8C Limited - Application for Approval as a Requiring Authority
Date: Thursday, 1 May 2025 8:34:14 am
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Kia ora Stephanie,

I am following up on my phone message regarding this matter before Easter.

9(2)(g)(i)

Can we please have a quick meeting up to discuss this together tomorrow or Wednesday.

Ngā mihi,
Stephen



Stephen Daysh
Partner

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From: [Loretta Lovell](#)
To: [Clare Maihi](#); [Stephen Church](#)
Subject: Re: Hui re FTAA and opportunities for Maori to utilise
Date: Friday, 28 February 2025 2:28:53 pm

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Nga mihi Clare have a lovely weekend

Loretta Lovell

Director

9(2)(a)

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From: Clare Maihi <9(2)(a)>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 2:28 PM
To: Loretta Lovell 9(2)(a) Stephen Church
9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Hui re FTAA and opportunities for Maori to utilise

Kia ora Loretta, thanks for your email. Sorry for delay in responding – I just wanted to make sure I point you in the right direction. I have copied in my colleague [@Stephen Church](#) who you can follow up with about this opportunity.

Thanks
Clare

From: Loretta Lovell 9(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 26 February 2025 2:06 pm
To: Clare Maihi 9(2)(a)
Subject: Hui re FTAA and opportunities for Maori to utilise

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Kia e hoa

9(2)(j)

9(2)(j)



Loretta

Loretta Lovell

Director

9(2)(a)



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From: [Stephen Daysh](#)
To: [Stephanie Frame](#)
Cc: [Sara Clarke](#); [peter.mason](#); [Mark Henry](#); [Loretta Lovell](#)
Subject: RE: Taheke 8c Hydroelectric Project - Early Notice of Intention to lodge a Referral application under FTA Act 2025
Date: Friday, 17 January 2025 11:22:14 am

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Excellent – I will put a Meeting Request in for then and invite Loretta too.

Please forward it to any others you think should join us?

Best regards,
Stephen



Stephen Daysh

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From: Stephanie Frame 9(2)(a) >
Sent: 17,01,2025 11:20 am
To: Stephen Daysh 9(2)(a)
Cc: Sara Clarke 9(2)(a); peter.mason 9(2)(a) Mark Henry 9(2)(a); Loretta Lovell 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Taheke 8c Hydroelectric Project - Early Notice of Intention to lodge a Referral application under FTA Act 2025

Hi Stephen
I have a bit of a day on Thursday but would be available after 3.30?
Steph

Stephanie Frame (she/her)

Manager|Kaiwhakahaere
Delivery

9(2)(a)

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From: Stephen Daysh 9(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, 17 January 2025 9:04 am

To: Stephanie Frame 9(2)(a)
Cc: Sara Clarke 9(2)(a); peter.mason <9(2)(a)>; Mark Henry 9(2)(a); Loretta Lovell 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Taheke 8c Hydroelectric Project - Early Notice of Intention to lodge a Referral application under FTA Act 2025

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Kia ora Stephanie,

I will be in Wellington on Thursday afternoon next week and wonder if you could fit an hour in then to meet and discuss the agenda below?

I am available any time from Noon if you can please me know at time if you are available.

The alternative is Tuesday afternoon, where Loretta Lovell (copied in) could meet you, as she is based in the Wellington region.

9(2)(ba)(i)

Ngā mihi,
Stephen



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From: Stephen Daysh
Sent: 13,01,2025 5:53 pm
To: 9(2)(a)
Cc: Sara Clarke 9(2)(a) <9(2)(a)@mitchelldaysh.co.nz>; Peter Mason 9(2)(a)>; Mark Henry 9(2)(a)
Subject: Taheke 8c Hydroelectric Project - Early Notice of Intention to lodge a Referral application under FTA Act 2025

Kia ora Stephanie,

I am following up on this project that we briefly discussed at our meeting on 2 December 2024 in Wellington.

Our project team has been working hard, and we are focused on lodging a Referral Application with you on 7 February 2025.

We have several questions we would like to discuss with you as follows:

1. Referral Application Form and Format
2. 9(2)(i)
- 3.
4. The level of documentation required (noting that we are currently focusing on completing a full suite of application documents including AEE and Technical effects assessments)
5. The respective roles of MfE and EPA in the Referral Application process and how we best keep in touch.

Could you please consider this and how best to set up a preliminary meeting – either TEAMS or in person, if you thought that would be more useful and effective.

Ngā mihi,
Stephen

From: [Stephen Daysh](#)
To: [Stephanie Frame](#); [Sara Clarke](#)
Cc: [Loretta Lovell](#); [Mark Henry](#)
Subject: RE: Taheke 8C Hydroelectric Scheme - Letter and draft Referral Application Document
Date: Sunday, 16 March 2025 11:44:26 am

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Kia ora Stephanie and Sara,

It is my last day working in Fiji today and I have finally found time to do some emails. So apologies for the Sunday email.

I am following up on the draft documentation and request for a face to face meeting this coming week, requested in my email below.

9(2)(ba)(i)

If we can have the meeting next week and work out exactly what (and the form) you would like it in, this will avoid a misfire and delay.

I look forward to your reply,

Ngā mihi,
Stephen



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From: Stephen Daysh
Sent: 10,03,2025 1:12 pm
To: Stephanie Frame <9(2)(a)>; Sara Clarke <9(2)(a)>
Cc: Loretta Lovell <9(2)(a)>; Mark Henry <9(2)(a)>

Subject: Taheke 8C Hydroelectric Scheme - Letter and draft Referral Application Document

Kia ora Korua,

Please find attached a letter and draft Referral Application Letter for your consideration.

We thought it best, given our previous discussions regarding this project to send it through as a Word Document and as a draft, rather than filing via the portal.

I am working in Fiji this week on a geothermal project and back in New Zealand next week. An in-person meeting in Wellington to discuss this and get your feedback on Wednesday 19th or Friday 21st would be very helpful for us, if that can be arranged?

In the meantime, we are available to answer questions or take a TEAMS meeting for any immediate clarification.

Ngā mihi,
Stephen

From: [Loretta Lovell](#)
To: [Stephen Church](#)
Subject: Re: Taheke 8C Hydroelectric Scheme - Letter and draft Referral Application Document
Date: Friday, 11 April 2025 4:05:29 pm

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Nga mihi Stephen

Thanks for your feedback. We have been engaging with Sara and her team so at this stage we are in MFE's hands re the referral application as it now proceeds formally. We are certainly here to answer any questions too and to provide any assistance.

Naku noa, na

Loretta

Loretta Lovell

Director

9(2)(a)

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From: Stephen Church <9(2)(a)>
Sent: Friday, April 11, 2025 2:55 PM
To: Loretta Lovell 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Taheke 8C Hydroelectric Scheme - Letter and draft Referral Application Document

Kia ora Loretta

Further to the emails below, I'm in the Fast-track implementation team at MfE, which will be working with Fast-track applications during the referral stage. I see that the Taheke 8C referral application has been lodged, so I'm reaching out to let you know that if you have queries about that application they can be submitted through the Fast-track portal.

9(2)(j)

Ngā mihi

Stephen

From: Loretta Lovell 9(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, 14 March 2025 9:27 am
To: Clare Maihi 9(2)(a); Karen McGuinness
9(2)(a); Stephen Church 9(2)(a)
Subject: Re: Taheke 8C Hydroelectric Scheme - Letter and draft Referral Application Document

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Nga mihi

Loretta Lovell
Director

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From: Clare Maihi 9(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2025 9:26 AM
To: Loretta Lovell 9(2)(a); Karen McGuinness
9(2)(a); Stephen Church 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Taheke 8C Hydroelectric Scheme - Letter and draft Referral Application Document

Kia ora Loretta, I am copying in [@Stephen Church](#) for his response, as this sits in his area rather than mine.

Thanks
Clare

From: Loretta Lovell 9(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, 13 March 2025 12:36 pm
To: Clare Maihi <9(2)(a)>; Karen McGuinness
<9(2)(a)@nz>
Subject: Fw: Taheke 8C Hydroelectric Scheme - Letter and draft Referral Application Document

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Kia ora korua

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Here for any questions and if you could let me know if you are happy for me to suggest to Sara that you may wish to send team members along?

Loretta Lovell

Director

9(2)(a)

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From: Stephen Daysh <9(2)(a)>

Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 1:11 PM

To: Stephanie Frame <9(2)(a)>; Sara Clarke <9(2)(a)>

Cc: Loretta Lovell <9(2)(a)>; Mark Henry

<9(2)(a)>

Subject: Taheke 8C Hydroelectric Scheme - Letter and draft Referral Application Document

Kia ora Korua,

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We thought it best, given our previous discussions regarding this project to send it through as a Word Document and as a draft, rather than filing via the portal.

I am working in Fiji this week on a geothermal project and back in New Zealand next week. An in-person meeting in Wellington to discuss this and get your feedback on

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In the meantime, we are available to answer questions or take a TEAMS meeting for any immediate clarification.

Ngā mihi,
Stephen



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From: [Stephen Daysh](#)
To: [Max Gander-Cooper](#); [Stephanie Frame](#); [Alison McLaughlin](#)
Cc: [Sara Clarke](#); [Loretta Lovell](#)
Subject: RE: Taheke 8c 9(2)(ba)(i)
Date: Friday, 21 February 2025 2:57:56 pm

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Kia ora Max and team,

Just getting back in touch on this, as you have referred us on to the EPA for advice on our question.

For your information and to keep you posted, Loretta and I are meeting with Daya Thompsen from the EPA on Monday.

Ngā mihi,



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From: Max Gander-Cooper <9(2)(a)>
Sent: 17,02,2025 1:38 pm
To: Stephen Daysh <9(2)(a)>; Stephanie Frame <9(2)(a)> Alison McLaughlin <9(2)(a)>
Cc: Sara Clarke <9(2)(a)>; Loretta Lovell <9(2)(a)>
Subject: RE: Taheke 8c Referral and 9(2)(ba)(i) Applications

Kia ora Stephen,

Apologies for the delay in the response, I had drafted an email but not sent it out.

9(2)(ba)(i)

The Act defines an unlisted project as: the project as described in the referral application for the project or, if the referral application is yet to be lodged, as it will be described in the application; or if the project has been referred, the project as described in the notice under [section 28](#).

9(2)(ba)(i)

9(2)(ba)(i)

Please send through your questions about the FTAA application forms and we can arrange a time to meet.

Ngā mihi

Max Gander-Cooper

Principal Advisor | Kaitātari Mātāmua

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From: Stephen Daysh 9(2)(a)

Sent: Friday, 7 February 2025 2:16 pm

To: Stephanie Frame 9(2)(a) >; Max Gander-Cooper 9(2)(a) >; Alison McLaughlin <9(2)(a) >

Cc: Sara Clarke <9(2)(a) >; Loretta Lovell <9(2)(a) >

Subject: Re: Taheke 8c Referral and 9(2)(ba)(i) Applications

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Kia ora Koutou,

I am following up on my email request outlined below in my email dated 25 January 2025.

Two things:

1. Can you please respond with your advice on the questions in my email.
2. Can we please arrange a follow up TEAMS meeting next week as we are planning our Referral Application early next week now we have seen the FTAA forms on line and have some questions

We have good availability so will standby to hear from you on a convenient day and time.

Nga mihi,
Stephen

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From: Stephen Daysh 9(2)(a)
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2025 11:31:00 am
To: Stephanie Frame 9(2)(a); Alison McLaughlin
9(2)(a)
Cc: Sara Clarke <9(2)(a)>; Loretta Lovell
9(2)(a)
Subject: Taheke 8c Referral and 9(2)(ba)(i) Applications

Kia ora koutou,

Thankyou MfE team for the very helpful discussions last week on Tuesday and Thursday regarding the Taheke 8c Green Energy Hub projects.

9(2)(g)(i)



My thanks and if you have any questions please let us know.

Naku noa,
Stephen

From: [Macaela Flanagan](#)
To: [Max Gander-Cooper](#)
Subject: RE: Taheke 8c Referral and 9(2)(ba)(i) Applications
Date: Monday, 17 February 2025 1:33:16 pm

Thanks heaps!

From: Max Gander-Cooper 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 17 February 2025 1:33 pm
To: Macaela Flanagan <9(2)(a)>; Alexi Grimstrup <9(2)(a)>; Stephanie Frame <9(2)(a)>; Alison McLaughlin <9(2)(a)>
Subject: RE: Taheke 8c Referral and 9(2)(ba)(i) Applications

Steph is off, I'll respond.

From: Macaela Flanagan 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 17 February 2025 1:32 pm
To: Alexi Grimstrup <9(2)(a)>; Stephanie Frame <9(2)(a)>; Max Gander-Cooper <9(2)(a)>; Alison McLaughlin <9(2)(a)>
Subject: RE: Taheke 8c Referral and 9(2)(ba)(i) Applications

Thanks, Alexi.

[@Stephanie Frame](#) and [@Max Gander-Cooper](#) can you please respond to Stephen and Loretta this afternoon?

From: Alexi Grimstrup <9(2)(a)>
Sent: Monday, 17 February 2025 12:21 pm
To: Stephanie Frame <9(2)(a)>; Max Gander-Cooper <9(2)(a)>; Alison McLaughlin <9(2)(a)>
Cc: Macaela Flanagan 9(2)(a)
Subject: FW: Taheke 8c Referral and 9(2)(ba)(i) Applications

Can someone please ensure a response to the below email from Stephen (and Loretta's follow up) is sent asap.

Sara is off for the week so if anything needs reviewing, Macaela can sign-off on it

From: Clare Maihi <9(2)(a)>
Sent: Sunday, 16 February 2025 7:32 pm
To: Sara Clarke <9(2)(a)>
Subject: Fw: Taheke 8c Referral 9(2)(ba)(i) Applications

Hi Sara

Are you in a position to provide Loretta with an update?

Thanks
Clare

From: Loretta Lovell <9(2)(a)>
Sent: Sunday, February 16, 2025 3:58 PM
To: Clare Maihi <9(2)(a)>
Subject: Fw: Taheke 8c Referral 9(2)(ba)(i) Applications

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Kia ora e hoa

9(2)(ba)(i)

Coffee soon?

Loretta

Loretta Lovell
Director

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From: Stephen Daysh <9(2)(a)>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 2:16 PM
To: Stephanie Frame <9(2)(a)>
<9(2)(a)> Alison McLaughlin <9(2)(a)>
Cc: Sara Clarke <9(2)(a)>; Loretta Lovell <9(2)(a)>
Subject: Re: Taheke 8c Referral 9(2)(ba)(i) Applications

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Nga mihi,
Stephen

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From: Stephen Daysh <9(2)(a)@mitchelldaysh.co.nz>

Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2025 11:31:00 am

To: Stephanie Frame <9(2)(a)@mitchelldaysh.co.nz>

<9(2)(a)@mitchelldaysh.co.nz>; Alison McLaughlin

<9(2)(a)@mitchelldaysh.co.nz>; Loretta Lovell

<9(2)(a)@mitchelldaysh.co.nz>


Subject: Taheke 8c Referral 9(2)(ba)(i) Applications

Kia ora koutou,

Thankyou MfE team for the very helpful discussions last week on Tuesday and Thursday regarding the Taheke 8c Green Energy Hub projects.

9(2)(g)(i)

9(2)(g)(i)



My thanks and if you have any questions please let us know.

Naku noa,
Stephen

From: [Stephen Daysh](#)
To: [Stephanie Frame](#); [Sara Clarke](#)
Cc: [Loretta Lovell](#); [Mark Henry](#)
Subject: Taheke 8C Hydroelectric Scheme - Letter and draft Referral Application Document
Date: Monday, 10 March 2025 1:12:48 pm
Attachments: [Ltr to S Frame re draft Referral Application.docx](#)
[Draft referral application 100325.pdf](#)

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To: [Stephanie Frame](#); [Max Gander-Cooper](#); [Alison McLaughlin](#)
Cc: [Sara Clarke](#); [Loretta Lovell](#)
Subject: Taheke 8c Referral 9(2)(ba)(i) Applications
Date: Saturday, 25 January 2025 11:31:44 am

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Kia ora koutou,

Thankyou MfE team for the very helpful discussions last week on Tuesday and Thursday regarding the Taheke 8c Green Energy Hub projects.

9(2)(g)(i) [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

My thanks and if you have any questions please let us know.

Naku noa,
Stephen



Stephen Daysh
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From: [Stephanie Frame](#)
To: [Stephen Daysh](#); [Max Gander-Cooper](#); [Alison McLaughlin](#)
Cc: [Mark Henry](#); [Loretta Lovell](#)
Subject: Taheke discussion
Date: Thursday, 20 March 2025 11:33:00 am

That's great news Stephen, thanks for letting us know.

Steph

Stephanie Frame (she/her)
Manager | Kaiwhakahaere
Delivery

9(2)(a)

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From: Stephen Daysh <9(2)(a)>
Sent: Thursday, 20 March 2025 11:22 am
To: Max Gander-Cooper <9(2)(a)> Stephanie Frame
<9(2)(a)>; Alison McLaughlin <9(2)(a)>
Cc: Mark Henry <9(2)(a)>; Loretta Lovell
<9(2)(a)>
Subject: RE: Taheke discussion

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Kia ora koutou,

Thanks for the quick touch base yesterday and confirming that we are aiming to lodge the Taheke 8C Hydroelectric Scheme referral application with you through the MfE portal early next week.

Nga mihi,
Stephen



Stephen Daysh
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From: Max Gander-Cooper <9(2)(a)>
Sent: 18,03,2025 2:07 pm
To: Mark Henry <9(2)(a)>
Cc: Alison McLaughlin <9(2)(a)>; Stephen Daysh <9(2)(a)>; Stephanie Frame <9(2)(a)>
Loretta Lovell <9(2)(a)>
Subject: RE: Taheke discussion

Kia ora Mark,

1pm looks clear for all of us.

Ngā mihi

Max Gander-Cooper

Principal Advisor | Kaitātari Mātāmua

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From: Mark Henry <9(2)(a)>
Sent: Tuesday, 18 March 2025 1:56 pm
To: Max Gander-Cooper <9(2)(a)>
Cc: Alison McLaughlin <9(2)(a)>; Stephen Daysh <9(2)(a)>; Stephanie Frame <9(2)(a)>;
Loretta Lovell <9(2)(a)>
Subject: RE: Taheke discussion

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Kia ora Max, responding as Stephen is travelling today.

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Look forward to hearing from you.

Regards



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From: Max Gander-Cooper <9(2)(a)>
Sent: 18,03,2025 11:19 AM
To: Stephen Daysh <9(2)(a)>; Stephanie Frame <9(2)(a)>; Loretta Lovell <9(2)(a)>
Cc: Mark Henry <9(2)(a)>; Alison McLaughlin <9(2)(a)>
Subject: RE: Taheke discussion

Kia ora Stephen,

I am happy to move the meeting to later in the day, are you free at any point from 1030 onwards?

In response to your specific questions:

1,2 & 4. Assessing an application for compliance with the Act is a statutory function the MfE is required to perform. While we are happy to meet with potential applicants to discuss the referral process and the wider fast-track system, it isn't appropriate for us to assess applications prior to lodgement. We therefore haven't assessed the draft Referral Application that you provided and won't be discussing specific aspects of the application before it is lodged.

There therefore may not be a lot of value in taking significant time or convening a "working session". If you are unsure about how much information to provide, I would recommend that you consider the wording in sections 11, 13 and 14 of the Act, the application form itself, and if you are in any doubt then provide more information rather than less to give yourself the best opportunity to meet the requirements of the Act.

3. We are still available to meet in Wellington this week if that is your preference. Steph is located in Wellington, but Alison and I would be calling in remotely.

If you have any specific questions about the referral process please send them through ahead of the meeting, and feel free to give me a call if you'd like to discuss this further.

Ngā mihi

Max Gander-Cooper

Principal Advisor | Kaitātari Mātāmua

Policy Implementation and Delivery/ Whakatinana me te Whakatutuki Kaupapahere

From: Stephen Daysh <9(2)(a)>
Sent: Tuesday, 18 March 2025 10:57 am
To: Max Gander-Cooper <9(2)(a)>; Stephanie Frame <9(2)(a)>; Loretta Lovell <9(2)(a)>
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Kia ora Max,

Thanks for this Teams Meeting Request.

I have a clash at this time with an existing commitment so I wonder if we could move it to a time on Wednesday after 10.30 am?

Also, before we set the meeting time, I have a few notes and queries for you and the MfE Team.

1. I note this is a quick half hour session, and we will have limited time with 5 people on the call to make progress.
2. As I have set out in my emails of 10 March and 16th March we had hoped for more of a face to face "Working Session" with your team to go through in detail the information we have put in the draft Referral Application with those who will be assessing it to ensure it is fit for purpose when lodged. As I have said in my emails we have a lot of information and can be as fulsome or as constrained as needed in terms of your actual assessment needs.
3. I have suggested a meeting with you in Wellington either tomorrow afternoon or any time on Friday this week to do this in person. Is this still a possibility?
4. Has the MfE Team been through our draft in detail and do you have any feedback to share with us before we meet.

Ngā mihi,
Stephen



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From: Max Gander-Cooper 9(2)(a)

Sent: 17,03,2025 3:41 pm

To: Max Gander-Cooper; Stephanie Frame; Stephen Daysh; Loretta Lovell

Cc: Mark Henry; Alison McLaughlin

Subject: Taheke discussion

When: 19,03,2025 10:30 am-11:00 am (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.

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