

MPI advice on Fast-track Listed Project Application

Application name	Connecting the People - Fifteenth Avenue to Welcome Bay
Application number	FTA307
Applicant	Tauranga City Council
Whether the project will be ineligible under Clause 18 of the FTA Bill	No
Other authorisations that may be required from MPI	No
Aquaculture settlement considerations	The application is not located within an aquaculture settlement area established under section 12 of the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004 or within an area reserved for aquaculture within an individual iwi settlement.
Fisheries settlement considerations	The Fisheries Settlement has been concluded. The governance entities of Ngai Te Rangī, Ngāti Pūkenga and Ngāti Ranginui hold all commercial fishing assets on behalf of the iwi members. They also manage customary fishing in the application under the provisions of the Fisheries (Kaimoana Customary Fishing) Regulations 1998 which were made to give effect to Fisheries Settlement agreements. Customary fishing and management of important customary fishing grounds can only be conducted under these regulations. The iwi manage customary fishing through a mātaītai reserve which surrounds Mauao and enters the harbour. This area is adjacent to the application area. An application that affects the ability of the iwi to exercise customary rights would require careful consideration in relation to Treaty obligations. We recommend consulting all the Iwi governance entities to understand the possible impacts of the application e.g, for particular fishing locations.
Impacts of a project on Māori development and PSGE priorities	

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