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**From:** Neil Deans s 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 June 2024 2:34 pm  
**To:** Listed Projects; Stephanie McNicholl; Anna Galvin  
**Cc:** Ritesh Chandra; Jane Wheeler; Meredith Lawry; Michelle Lewis  
**Subject:** FW: [IN-CONFIDENCE]Feedback on FTA275 - Hamilton Bulk Wastewater Storage Project

Kia ora kōrua

Please find following a summary of DOC's assessment of this application for consideration for Fast Track.

There are some recreation reserves managed by the Hamilton City Council in the project area, but not managed directly as public conservation land. Approvals would need to take into account the relevant provisions of the Reserves Act.

Some Wildlife Act or freshwater fishery provisions may be required.

We are not aware of any reasons that this project would be ineligible for Fast Track consideration.

There are Treaty settlements advised below which may apply, and for which engagement may be required with the relevant Treaty partners.

Nga mihi

Neil Deans

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**From:** Jane Wheeler s 9(2)(a)  
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**Subject:** RE: [IN-CONFIDENCE]Feedback on FTA275 - Hamilton Bulk Wastewater Storage Project

Kia ora Neil,

My team has reviewed this application for eligibility for Fast Track consenting. Below are our comments on the categories available for consideration.

- Whether the project requires any related approvals

- Establishment of Wastewater Storage Tanks at several city sites would likely require approval under the Hamilton City Plan (or a designation by HCC) but when discharging from the network appear likely to be covered under the discharge permits held for the treatment plants.
- The Hillcrest storage tank may require a Reserves Act approval or reclassification from recreation to local purpose reserve. A Kahikatea stand may be at risk depending on the exact location of the tank.
- An RMA Fast Track approval might attend to all these statutory requirements.
- If you are aware of anything that would render the project ineligible under clause 18 of the Bill
  - Unaware of anything that would render it ineligible under Clause 18.
- If you are aware of any Treaty settlement matters which relate to the project site – such as local protocols
  - The area is subject to the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010. As such it is subject to recognising the vision and strategy for the Waikato River Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato.
  - HCC has been consulting Iwi representatives on THAWK.
- Any other relevant matter?
  - a) If any PCL is directly affected by the project and the status of that land, to confirm it is not ineligible for Fast Track consideration.
    - Some reserves are affected by this project. These reserves, e.g., recreation reserves, are managed by HCC.
    - There are no Schedule 4 lands affected by the project.
  - b) If there are any wildlife, freshwater fisheries or land access permissions for mining which may require DOC approvals.
    - Yes, there are wildlife and freshwater fisheries that will be affected by this project. The Wildlife Act, National Strategy for Indigenous Biodiversity and National Freshwater Strategy apply.
      - Native forest remnants, including kahikatea on alluvium and gully systems, are present in some of the project areas. These ecosystems are very rare in this ecological district, which now have less than 2% of their original cover.
      - Long-tailed bats (Threatened – Nationally Critical) have been detected in some of these areas, but I don't consider them to be permanently resident. HCC is aware of these bats from the Southern Links ecological assessments and through its involvement with Project Echo and the Hamilton Bat Alliance.
      - Copper skinks (At Risk – Declining) may be present.
      - Long-finned eel (At Risk – Declining), giant kokopu (At Risk – Declining) and inanga (At Risk – Declining) have been found in streams in this area. No records are available for the specific area within the project area.

Ngā mihi

Jane

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**From:** Neil Deans S 9(2)(a) >  
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Kia ora Jane and Ritesh

Another one for your consideration. I tried to contact Ritesh this morning so can you please acknowledge receipt.

I would appreciate if one of your team could have a look at this for eligibility for Fast Track consenting. Note this is confidential.

In summary, we need to know what, if any, PCL is directly affected by the project and the status of that land, to confirm it is not ineligible for Fast Track consideration.

It helps to know if there are any wildlife, freshwater fisheries or land access permissions for mining which may require DOC approvals.

We also need to know if there are any Treaty settlements which may be affected that we can advise to MfE.

Can you please provide your summary advice by noon Tuesday 18 June.

Contact me if you need to know more.

Many thanks

Neil Deans

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**Subject:** [IN-CONFIDENCE]Feedback on FTA275 - Hamilton Bulk Wastewater Storage Project

Kia ora Neil and Meredith

This listed project application is for FTA 275 – Hamilton Bulk Wastewater Storage Project.

The application is for Wastewater Storage infrastructure, 4x projects.

The application also refers to approvals sought under the Reserves Act.

Could you please provide comment on:

- whether the project requires any related approvals
- if you are aware of anything that would render the project ineligible under clause 18 of the Bill
- if you are aware of any Treaty settlement matters which relate to the project site – such as local protocols
- any other relevant matter?

If possible, could you please provide your feedback by COB **Tuesday 18 June 2024** at the latest.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist.

Ngā mihi

Steph

**Stephanie McNicholl** ([she/her](#))

**Ngāpuhi, Ngāi Te Rangī, Ngāti Ranginui**

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