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Sent: Thursday, 30 May 2024 12:26 pm
To: Listed Projects
Cc: Neil Deans [EXTERNAL] (DOC); Angela Bell [EXTERNAL] (DOC); Stephanie McNicholl
Subject: RE: [IN-CONFIDENCE]Feedback on FTA316 - Harakeke Renewable Energy Development Project (Harakeke Project)

Kia ora Steph,

More information may be required to assess eligibility under Fast track.

This is because the area may include land as described in Fast Track Approvals Bill 18(a)(i).

- The applicant identifies Māori Land Omanaia at the end of Marangai Road as in the project area. It is not clear if they have consent from the landowners of those blocks, if not, it may make the application ineligible.
- Regarding the treaty settlement land owned by Ngāti Apa, while the project is a joint venture and consent implied, explicit written permission from the landowner (a separate legal entity to the business) has not been provided in the information that has come to us.

Other matters to note:

- Looking at the map, it seems that the supposed turbine area is immediately adjacent to, but not on Whitiāu Scientific Reserve (PCL).
- The streams in the project area and the Whangāehu river alongside form part of Te Waiū o Te Ika as described in Ngāti Rangi Claims Settlement Act 2019 (noted in the application) – which may have implications for the project

Complex conversations between Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa (settled) and Whanganui Iwi (not yet settled) regarding the wider area are ongoing.

Thanks,
Meredith

From: Listed Projects <ListedProjects@mfe.govt.nz>
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Kia ora kōrua

This listed project application is for FTA316 - Harakeke Renewable Energy Development Project (Harakeke Project).

The application seeks resource consents for the solar and wind renewable energy infrastructure.

Parts of the project area are identified as land returned by way of Treaty settlement.

There do not appear to be any previous applications through a standard resource consent process.

Could you please provide comment on:

- whether the project requires any DoC-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 protocols

- any other relevant matter

The Advisory Group are considering finishing solar/wind/hydro projects on Friday of this week.

If possible could you please provide your feedback by COB **31 May 2024** at the latest. Any sooner would be greatly appreciated.

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

Ngā mihi

Steph

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