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Section 1: Project location

Site address or location

Add the address or describe the location:

The Project Site is located on State Highway 50, Maraekakaho, Hawke's Bay, 1.4km east of Maraekakaho Village. The Site is 29 ha in size and located adjacent to (but not adjoining) the Ngaruroro River to the north and State Highway 50 to the South as shown in the figures below. The relevant land is legally described as Lot 1 DP 540720; Lot 3 DP 473957; Part Lot 1 DP 357840 (Certificate of Title Reference: 941942).

The Project Site has been chosen due to the location of the resource in close proximity to an existing processing site operated by Tūpore Aggregates Limited, its accessible location close to population centres, the absence of protected features and its reasonable separation from sensitive receptors.

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Do you have a current copy of the relevant Record(s) of Title?

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Who are the registered legal land owner(s)?

Please write your answer here:

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Detail the nature of the applicant's legal interest (if any) in the land on which the project will occur

Please write your answer here:

The applicant is the trustee of the R W & M C Gale Family Trust (the Trust).

The Trust is associated with the Tūpore Group of companies (being Tūpore Infrastructure Limited, Tūpore Aggregates Limited and Tūpore Asphalt Limited). The Trust (primarily through a wholly owned subsidiary, AwaMauri Limited) obtains resource consents for use by the Tūpore Group of companies.

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Section 2: Project details

What is the project name?

Please write your answer here:

Maraekakaho Quarry Project

What is the project summary?

Please write your answer here:

The proposal is to quarry a land based aggregate resource on a 24-ha area block of land adjacent to Tūpore Aggregate Limited's existing aggregate processing site in Maraekakaho, to provide for ongoing demand for gravel in the region, particularly following Cyclone Gabrielle.

What are the project details?

Please write your answer here:

Purpose and objectives

The purpose of the Project is to authorise the creation of a new land-based aggregate quarry adjacent to an existing processing site operated by Tūpore Aggregate Limited. Aggregate is currently extracted from the Ngaruroro River and at other locations within Hawke's Bay by Tūpore Aggregates Limited under a global extraction consent managed by Hawke's Bay Regional Council. Constraints in the volume of material available from the river mean that there is a need for a new land based aggregate quarry in the area which can respond to an ongoing demand for aggregate in the region including to repair, maintain and construct key infrastructure, including the transport network in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle. The Project will meet this demand.

Activities involved

The Project involves the following:

- a) The removal of existing vegetation from the Site;
- b) The land-based excavation of aggregate using an excavator with 30m boom and bucket;
- c) The extraction of up to approximately 2.1 million m³ of gravel aggregate across a maximum land area of approximately 131,000m²;
- d) Extraction of gravel aggregate to a maximum depth of 23m below the surface, within the groundwater table;
- e) The stockpiling of unprocessed and processed gravel aggregate in a land area of approximately 9,000m²;
- f) The development of earth bunds (or other landforms) around the extraction area (if required);
- g) The creation of a lake or surface water bodies which will be filled by latent groundwater as the extraction areas are enlarged over time;
- h) Landscaping, including land contouring, in and around the extraction area in connection with Site remediation;
- i) The planting of vegetation, around the extraction area, in connection with Site remediation;
- j) The creation of a vehicle accessway to/from the extraction area, from an existing public accessway off Stage Highway 50;
- k) The construction of an internal road within the western area of the site to facilitate vehicle movements and enable integration with Tūpore's existing processing site;
- l) The construction of structures associated with the above activities, including portacoms, a storage container and toilet block for staff;
- m) The storage of diesel for refuelling of vehicles; and
- n) Any other works or activities that are associated with the activities described in (a) – (m) above and within the scope of the Project, also described above.

The Project is at an advanced stage of design and has been informed by technical advice from a comprehensive team of experts. Technical reports have been prepared in relation to all aspects of the Project, including in terms of engineering design and management of potential adverse effects. These reports can be provided upon request.

Describe the staging of the project, including the nature and timing of the staging

Please write your answer here:

The Project will be divided into four stages, as follows:

Preparation (anticipated to take less than 12 months)

- The establishment of stockpiling area, site facilities, including an office block / staff room and toilet block.
- Creation of an internal (unsealed) road to enable access to the above facilities and to transport aggregate between the quarry and the stockpiling area (and potentially in the future, to the existing processing site).
- Diversion of an existing watercourse within the extraction area into a newly constructed channel adjacent to the existing water race.
- Establishment of a 10m buffer from the diverted watercourse, property boundaries and any other site features.
- Preparation of various environmental management plans.
- The progressive removal and stripping of existing vegetation and topsoil from the Project Site.

Extraction (undertaken within 10 years of the relevant approvals being granted)

- Commence extraction of the aggregate resource from the eastern boundary of the Project Site.
- Extraction will occur in a westerly direction, and a temporary edge support installed.
- Excavation will ensure the final stable slope angle of 40 degrees is not exceeded.
- Complete excavation until the maximum achievable aggregate extraction is met.
- Continue excavation, repeating the above steps until the aggregate resource is exhausted.

Operation of stockpiling and site facilities area (utilised for a period of 25 years)

- The stockpiling area and site facilities will be constructed during the preparation stage.
- Stockpiling and site facilities will remain on the site for a period of 25 years – after the completion of extraction they will continue to service the existing processing site.
- At the expiry of 25 years the site facilities and stockpiling area will be removed.

Rehabilitation (progressively undertaken within the term of the consent)

- The rehabilitation plan will be designed to progressively retire the extraction area from a working quarry to a natural landscape area through the creation of a water body.
- Rehabilitation will conclude shortly after extraction.
- Landscaping will occur around the extract areas, including planting and land contouring.
- Site-wide planting of native species away from the extraction areas will integrate the water body with the surrounding environment.
- Construction of maintenance tracks to allow access for planting and ongoing plant care.

What are the details of the regime under which approval is being sought?

Please write your answer here:

Resource consents are required under the Hawkes Bay Operative Regional Resource Management Plan for the following:

Diversion of ground and surface water:

Sediment will be discharged to surface and groundwater within the excavation areas.

Discharge of stormwater:

Stormwater will be discharged from impervious areas within the Project Site including any building structures.

Discharge of sediment into ground and surface water:

Sediment will be discharged within the excavation areas / pits which will become surface water bodies following completion of extraction activities. The source of sediment is the disturbance of naturally occurring River sediments material within the aggregate resource during excavation. No ground or surface water discharge directly from excavation areas to the Ngaruroro River or tributary stream is anticipated.

Diversion of a modified watercourse:

The excavation of the extraction area in the east of the Project Site will result in a loss of a reach of a watercourse. The watercourse cannot be avoided without significantly reducing the amount of aggregate able to be obtained. To mitigate this loss, the Trust proposes to construct a new channel south of the extraction area, and parallel with an existing water race, to connect with the downstream extent of the existing channel at the boundary. The constructed channel will be designed to receive surface water flows from the water race overflow (similarly to how the existing channel receives surface water flows from the water race overflow).

Resource consents are required under the Hastings District Plan for the following:

To establish and operate a quarry to extract gravel aggregate:

Details of the activity are described above, in question 4.

Construction of ancillary buildings in a Flood Management Area:

The Trust proposes to place a portacom and toilet, to be located adjacent to the proposed Project Site, for use as a staff and office building. This facility is required for health and safety reasons e.g., to provide staff shelter for lunch breaks and toilet facilities.

If you seeking approval under the Resource Management Act, who are the relevant local authorities?

Please write your answer here:

Hawkes Bay Regional Council
Hastings District Council

What applications have you already made for approvals on the same or a similar project?

Please write your answer here:

Tūpore has an existing processing operation adjacent to the Project Site, on land owned by the Hawke's Bay Regional Council. Tūpore holds the following consents and permits in relation to this operation:

- a) RMA20180258, for a mining activity including the processing of gravel, erection of two accessory buildings, and the construction of a new vehicle access, adjacent to the Ngaruroro River. This resource consent was granted subject to conditions by a Hearing Commissioner on 29 January 2019. This resource consent has been varied in accordance with two section 127 applications under the RMA:
- i) RMA20200268, seeking to amend two conditions of the original resource consent, to extend the timeframes for provision of a construction management plan for the new access, and construction of the new internal access road. This was because the location and specifications of the consented vehicle access were proposed to be altered. This application was granted by Hastings District Council on 2 September 2020, amending conditions 1, 4, 21, and 27.
- ii) RMA20210119, seeking to delete certain conditions in relation to the proposed vehicle access, on the basis that a separate resource consent had been granted for the vehicle access. This application was granted by Hastings District Council on 13 August 2021, amending conditions 1, 4, 8, 22-30 and 33 of the original consent.
- b) RMA20190184, for undertaking earthworks for the establishment of an access track including driveway and culvert structures. This consent was granted by Hastings Regional Council subject to conditions on 13 August 2019, and this accessway has now been constructed.
- c) Water Permits AUTH-127331-01 and AUTH127334-01 (180973T), which was granted by Hawke's Bay Regional Council subject to conditions on 31 August 2021, to take water from shallow bore 17214 for aggregate washing and to discharge wash water via settling ponds.

The Project was referred to the fast-track consenting process under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA). The Trust has lodged an application for consent for the Project under the FTCA, and the application is currently being considered.

In response to comments on the Project received from community members and mana whenua, the Trust has been undertaking some work to refine the Project to reduce the scope of potential effects on the environment. This work is proceeding as planned, but it is subject to the time constraints applicable to a live application under the FTCA.

The Trust is seeking referral of the Project to the Fast Track Approvals process in order to ensure that its refined Project can be comprehensively considered, in the event that there is insufficient time to do so under the FTCA process or the Trust otherwise decides to proceed with an application under the Fast Track Approvals process.

Is approval required for the project by someone other than the applicant?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

The landowner's approval has been obtained.

If the approval(s) are granted, when do you anticipate construction activities will begin, and be completed?

Please write your answer here:

All preliminary aspects of the project relating to detailed design have already been undertaken as part of the preparation of the Trust's application under the previous fast-track regime.

The Project will be funded entirely by Tūpore Aggregates Limited, including the resource consent application process, preliminary works to prepare the site for excavation, the excavation works and remediation of the site. Funding for the capital expense needed for the Project has been secured.

The processing of the material extracted from the Site will also be funded by Tūpore Aggregates Limited. Processing will take place at Tūpore's existing processing facility, which is authorised under existing resource consents held by Tūpore Aggregates Limited.

Therefore, the Trust intends to commence site preparation works for extraction immediately upon grant of resource consent. It is anticipated that extraction could begin within 12 months of all approvals being granted, although the Trust intends to reduce this timeframe if possible.

It is proposed that all extraction and rehabilitation of the extraction area would be completed within 10 years. The stockpiling and site facilities area would remain on the site for a period of 25 years, at the end of which that area would be rehabilitated.

Section 3: Consultation

Who are the persons affected by the project?

Please write your answer here:

The persons who may be affected by the activity comprise:

- Relevant iwi authorities § 9(2)(b)(ii)

- Adjacent landowners and occupiers.

- The relevant councils (Hastings District Council and Hawkes Bay Regional Council).

Detail all consultation undertaken with the persons referred to above. Include a statement explaining how engagement has informed the project.

Please write your answer here:

Please refer to the attached document, which details all current consultation undertaken with the persons affected by the Project.

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Describe any processes already undertaken under the Public Works Act 1981 in relation to the land or any part of the land on which the project will occur:

Please write your answer here:

No processes under the Public Works Act 1981 have been undertaken or are required.

Section 4: Iwi authorities and Treaty settlements

What treaty settlements apply to the geographical location of the project?

Please write your answer here:

The Ahuriri Hapu Deed of Settlement as given effect to under the Ahuriri Claims Settlement Act 2021 is relevant to the Project Site.

The relevant principles and provisions of this settlement include:

- The Crown acknowledges past failings and Ahuriri Hapu's grievances.
- The Crown provides an apology.
- A Statutory acknowledgement of the Crown acknowledges the statements of association for the statutory area. The Ngaruroro River and its tributaries are within the area of interest.
- The Project Site falls partially within this Statutory Acknowledgement Area.

Given the statutory acknowledgement in place in respect of the Ngaruroro River and its tributaries and because the Project Site falls partially within the

area of interest and will interact with a tributary of the river, consultation has already occurred with Ahuriri Hapu.

The Heretaunga Tamatea Deed of Settlement, as given effect under the Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Act 2018 is relevant to the Project Site.

The relevant principles and provisions of this settlement include:

- The Crown acknowledges past failings and Heretaunga Tamatea's grievances.
- The Crown provides an apology.
- A Statutory acknowledgement of the Crown acknowledges the statements of association for the statutory area. The Ngaruroro River and its tributaries is within the area of interest.
- The Project Site is located within the broad Area of Interest and the Ngaruroro River and Tributaries Statutory Acknowledgement Area.
- In accordance with section 5.19 of the Settlement Deed, each area that a deed of recognition relates to includes only those parts of the area owned and managed by the Crown. The Project will occur on private land, not on Crown land, and further consultation provisions do not apply.

Given the statutory acknowledgement in place in respect of the Ngaruroro River and its tributaries and because the Project Site falls partially within the area of interest and will interact with a tributary of the river, consultation has already occurred with Heretaunga Tamatea.

Are there any Ngā Rohe Moana o Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Porou Act 2019 principles or provisions that are relevant to the project?

No

If yes, what are they?:

Are there any identified parcels of Māori land within the project area, marae, and identified wāhi tapu?

No

If yes, what are they?:

Is the project proposed on any land returned under a Treaty settlement or any identified Māori land described in the ineligibility criteria?

No

Has the applicant has secured the relevant landowners' consent?

Yes

Is the project proposed in any customary marine title area, protected customary rights area, or aquaculture settlement area declared under s 12 of the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004 or identified within an individual iwi settlement?

No

If yes, what are they?:

Has there been an assessment of any effects of the activity on the exercise of a protected customary right?

No

If yes, please explain:

Not Applicable.

Upload your assessment if necessary:

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Section 5: Adverse effects

What are the anticipated and known adverse effects of the project on the environment?

Please describe:

Please see the attached document.

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Section 6: National policy statements and national environmental standards

What is the general assessment of the project in relation to any relevant national policy statement (including the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement) and national environmental standard?

Please write your answer here:

Please see the attached document.

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Section 7: Eligibility

Will access to the fast-track process enable the project to be processed in a more timely and cost-efficient way than under normal processes?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

The Maraekakaho Quarry will supply a vital source of aggregate to the Hawkes Bay region. This source is urgently needed to meet industry demand and contribute to Cyclone Gabrielle recovery efforts.

This Project is expected to be processed in a more timely and cost efficient way than would otherwise be the case if the Project were to be consented under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). This is primarily because the Trust anticipates that if an application for resource consent were lodged with the Hawke's Bay Regional Council and Hastings District Council, the Project would be publicly notified, proceed to a hearing at the council level, and then potentially be subject to an Environment Court re-hearing (with appeals being more likely under the RMA given the broad appeal rights). This process would take significantly longer than the Fast Track approvals consenting process.

Previous consents obtained by Tūpore for existing facilities were lengthy and resource intensive:

Tūpore's resource consent application for its existing processing facilities at Maraekakaho was publicly notified. Therefore, the Trust anticipates the councils may take the same approach to notification in respect of the Project.

Tūpore's resource consent application for the existing processing site was granted and the decision was appealed by a submitter to the Environment Court. The Environment Court appeal was ultimately withdrawn, and the resource consent then implemented.

From preparation of application to withdrawal of the appeal the resource consent process took approximately two years and caused significant delays to the operation of the processing facility.

The fast track process will enable the consideration of the Project in a more timely and cost efficient manner:

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In contrast, the fast track process will enable streamlined consideration of the application and will reduce protracted litigation. While the Bill does not provide for public notification, it does enable an expert consenting panel to seek feedback from affected parties and take this into account. This will ensure that the views of those affected by the application are taken into account. The Trust has also been consulting, and is continuing to consult with affected parties, including mana whenua, to ensure that the effects of the Project are minimised to the greatest extent possible as part of the resource consenting process, but also to ensure that an appropriate end-of-life proposal is developed to manage visual impacts in perpetuity, after the life of the quarry.

The process under the Bill also limits protracted litigation on resource consent applications by limiting appeals to points of law to the High Court only, avoiding the Environment Court appeals process.

The fast track process will provide the Trust with commercial certainty sooner than would be possible under the standard consenting process:

The Trust needs to be able to avoid such delays and obtain resource consent for the Project as soon as possible to secure an ongoing supply of aggregate for its processing facility. If referred, the Trust will apply for resource consent as soon as possible and can begin works immediately after resource consent is granted.

The prompt consideration and granting of the resource consent would therefore enable the significant economic, social and other benefits of the Project outlined in this application to be realised more quickly than under the standard RMA consenting process.

What is the impact referring this project will have on the efficient operation of the fast-track process?

Please write your answer here:

A comprehensive resource consent application for the Project has already been prepared. A resource consent application can therefore be lodged very shortly after referral.

The Project is shovel-ready and site preparations can begin as soon as consent is granted. Consideration of the Project under the fast track process will therefore not stand in the way and delay other shovel-ready projects that are ready for processing.

The Project has been carefully developed by an experienced expert team and has been refined in response to feedback from the community. The Trust is confident that the Project is robust and will deliver the substantial economic and social benefits anticipated.

As such, the Project is entirely suitable for the fast track process and consistent with the purpose of the Bill. Referral will enable the resource consents for the Project and its associated benefits to be obtained sooner.

For these reasons the Project will not have a negative effect on the efficient operation of the fast-track process.

Has the project been identified as a priority project in a:

Other

Please explain your answer here:

No

Will the project deliver regionally or nationally significant infrastructure?

Regional significant infrastructure

Please explain your answer here:

Aggregate is a critical material utilised in the construction of infrastructure.

Aggregate remains in high demand, including in the Hawkes Bay region as it recovers from Cyclone Gabrielle. Facilitating the scale of repair and rebuilding that the region needs to recover from Cyclone Gabrielle continues to require a significant volume of raw materials, including aggregate. This is required now to rebuild washed out roads, including key roads within the transport network in the region.

Will the project:

increase the supply of housing, address housing needs, contribute to a well-functioning urban environment

Please explain your answer here:

The construction sector is fundamentally reliant on cost effective and reliable aggregate provision, including for the construction of housing and other urban infrastructure.

An increase in the cost of aggregate within the local area (e.g. due to the need to truck aggregate in from outside the region to meet demand) would have an impact of increasing the cost of housing.

Will the project deliver significant economic benefits?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

A comprehensive economic assessment of the Project has been undertaken by independent economists which has confirmed that the Project will deliver significant positive economic outcomes for the aggregates sector and the Hawke's Bay economy.

The Project will assist the region to recover from Cyclone Gabrielle:

Facilitating the scale of repair and rebuilding that the region needs to recover from Cyclone Gabrielle continues to require a significant volume of raw materials, including aggregate. This is required now to rebuild washed out roads, including key roads within the transport network in the region.

Aggregate is therefore in high demand, and existing sources are insufficient to meet that demand. New sources of aggregate are urgently required to meet that demand.

The Project will materially contribute to the industrial sectors of the economy as well as infrastructure development and construction in the region:

Aggregate is used in residential, commercial and infrastructure construction, and is also used in the agricultural sector and is in high demand.

The construction sector is fundamentally reliant on cost effective and reliable aggregate provision. This sector contributes over \$525m per annum to the regional economy.

The Project will have a significant and positive economic impact on downstream demand for construction materials and will therefore materially contribute to key industries including construction and infrastructure.

Inefficient aggregate supply (e.g. from outside the region) will result in increased prices of aggregate, and thus increase costs of construction in all sectors. Excavating the currently untapped aggregate resource on the Project Site and utilising the existing processing facility at the adjacent site will increase the efficient supply of aggregate to the market which is likely to have a positive effect on aggregate price.

It is estimated that for every ^{§ 9(2)} injected into the regional economy by the Trust and the quarry operator, Tūpore, ^{§ 9(2)(b)(iii)} will be generated. Over a 10-year period the quarry will contribute approximately ^{§ 9(2)(b)(iii)} (NPV) to the regional economy.

The Project will generate employment in the region:

This Project will result in the direct contribution of at least 77 FTE (full time equivalents) over the 2-year development period. Over the ten year life of the Project, it will support 15-20 full time jobs per annum.

In addition, materials provided by the Project will support employment in critical sectors including in roading, infrastructure and housing which provides 6,700 jobs for people in the region.

The Project enables aggregate to be sourced from an efficient location to supply the region:

The cost associated with transporting aggregate from this location to the Hawke's Bay region generally will be lower than trucking in out-of-region aggregate resource, which will reduce downstream impacts on price and overall construction costs which would otherwise be borne by developers and builders, and ultimately passed on to the end home buyer, or end user of infrastructure.

In reducing transportation costs by utilising a local source of aggregate, the Project may contribute to reduced costs: over the life of the Project, up to **§ 9(2)(b)(iii)** in transportation costs could be saved that would otherwise be accentuated and passed on to final consumers if river aggregate had to be sought outside of the region, as well as **§ 9(2)(b)(iii)** in environmental costs.

Overall, the Project will provide a valuable and significant volume of material for the construction industry in the context of supply issues, significant demand for aggregate to repair and replace roading following Cyclone Gabrielle, as well as demand for housing and other infrastructure.

Will the project support primary industries, including aquaculture?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

Tūpore Aggregates Limited has invested over **§ 9(2)(b)(ii)** in the development of its aggregate extraction facilities, including infrastructure, plant, and machinery with **§ 9(2)(b)(ii)** being invested into this Project alone. After consent is granted, approximately **§ 9(2)(b)(ii)** will be invested per year (for the next two years) into the facilities and new capital equipment. The Project will give the Trust and Tūpore Aggregates Limited certainty that it can continue to make such investment on an ongoing basis.

Will the project support development of natural resources, including minerals and petroleum?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

The Project provides for the extraction of a natural resource, being aggregate, in an area which has a high demand for the resource but very limited supply.

Will the project support climate change mitigation, including the reduction or removal of greenhouse gas emissions?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

The region requires a new aggregate source. Aggregate is a limited but necessary resource used in construction and is only easily accessible in a few locations. The close proximity of the site to the existing processing site, and its proximity to Hastings, reduce both processing time and transport time (and therefore emissions) as compared with sourcing aggregate from an area on the outskirts of the region or importing aggregate from another region.

Reducing the length of travel needed to transport aggregate to its final location also reduces the risk of road damage and the need to repair roading (which would require further resources and energy, creating emissions).

Enabling the establishment of land-based quarry which operates efficiently and is conveniently located, will contribute positively to New Zealand's efforts to mitigate climate change while continuing to provide essential resources.

Will the project support adaptation, resilience, and recovery from natural hazards?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

A new source of aggregate is in high demand within the Hawkes Bay region to help in the recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle and resilience to future natural hazards. The Maraekakaho Quarry Project will meet this demand.

Will the project address significant environmental issues?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

The Trust considers that none of the effects of the Project are significant. As set out in the attached document, an assessment of environmental effects has been undertaken by experienced independent planning consultants. This assessment has addressed all actual and potential environmental effects and concludes that the Project can appropriately mitigate or avoid all potential adverse effects through proposed management plans or consent conditions.

Is the project consistent with local or regional planning documents, including spatial strategies?

Yes

Please explain your answer here:

As set out in the attached document, the Project has been assessed as consistent with all objectives and policies of relevant local and regional planning documents and spatial strategies.

Anything else?

Please write your answer here:

N/A

Does the project includes an activity which would make it ineligible?

No

If yes, please explain:

Section 8: Climate change and natural hazards

Will the project be affected by climate change and natural hazards?

No

If yes, please explain:

All actual and potential environmental effects of the proposed activities can either be avoided or mitigated to minor levels through the proposed management plans or imposed consent conditions. In particular, comprehensive flood modelling has been undertaken by independent technical experts which concludes that flood risk on the site can be appropriately managed.

Section 9: Track record

Please add a summary of all compliance and/or enforcement actions taken against the applicant by any entity with enforcement powers under the Acts referred to in the Bill, and the outcome of those actions.

Please write your answer here:

The Trust has no previous non-compliance history.

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Declaration

Do you acknowledge your submission will be published on environment.govt.nz if required

Yes

By typing your name in the field below you are electronically signing this application form and certifying the information given in this application is true and correct.

Please write your name here:

Stephanie de Groot

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