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From: Neil Deans s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, 18 June 2024 2:28 pm
To: Listed Projects; Stephanie McNicholl
Cc: Jane Wheeler; Michelle Lewis; Meredith Lawry; Ritesh Chandra
Subject: FW: [IN-CONFIDENCE]Feedback on FTA262 - Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Service Package Project

Kia ora e Steph

DOC has assessed this project as advised in the email below.

No public conservation land is affected, but there may be wildlife approvals required, and possible effect on freshwater fisheries or water related issues of interest to iwi.

As noted below, we are not aware of any aspects which would make this project ineligible for Fast Track consideration.

Nga mihi

Neil Deans

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From: Jane Wheeler s 9(2)(a)
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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.

1. Whether the project requires any related approvals
 - Expansion of the Pukete Wastewater Treatment Plant would likely require Hamilton City Plan consent (or a designation by HCC) for the expansion on site, and a revision of the regional plan wastewater discharge permit to the Waikato River held by HCC.

- Establishment of the South Western Wastewater Treatment Plant would likely require similar (HCC or Waipa DC Plan consent (or a designation by HCC), and a regional plan discharge permit.
2. If you are aware of anything that would render the project ineligible under clause 18 of the Bill
 - Unaware of anything that would render the project ineligible
 3. 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.
 4. 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.
 - No PCL is affected by this 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.
 - Long-tailed bats (Threatened – Nationally Critical) occupy this area, including roosts in the kahikatea remnants nested within the project area. 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) have been found in the adjoining gully systems with similar land use and can be expected to occur in the project area.
 - Long-finned eel (At Risk – Declining), koaro (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 Nukuhau Stream that runs through the project area.

Ngā mihi

Jane

From: Neil Deans s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 9:10 AM
To: Jane Wheeler s 9(2)(a); Ritesh Chandra s 9(2)(a)
Cc: Michelle Lewis s 9(2)(a); Meredith Lawry 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

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Kia ora Neil and Meredith

This listed project application is for FTA 262 - Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Service Package Project.

The application is for Wastewater Treatment infrastructure, 2x projects.

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

Could you please provide comment on:

5. whether the project requires any related approvals
6. if you are aware of anything that would render the project ineligible under clause 18 of the Bill
7. if you are aware of any Treaty settlement matters which relate to the project site – such as local protocols
8. 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 Rangi, Ngāti Ranginui

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