

MPI advice on Fast-track Listed Project Application

Application name	Ōnuku Kelp Farm - A partnership of Ōnuku Rūnanga Inc. Onuku with Kelp Blue Aotearoa Forestry Limited ("Kelp Blue")
Application number	FTA350
Applicant	Rik Tainui - Chairman of Ōnuku Rūnanga Incorporated ("Ōnuku")
Whether aquaculture decision will be required under Schedule 12 of the FTA Bill	This is an application for a marine farm within the Territorial Sea so will require an aquaculture decision under Schedule 12 of the FTA Bill. However, we note part of the application includes marine farm areas where aquaculture decisions have already been made under the Fisheries Act 1996. These areas will not require further aquaculture decisions.
Other authorisations that may be required from MPI	n/a
Aquaculture settlement considerations	Part of the application is located within two aquaculture settlement areas established under section 12 of the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004.¹ They applicant has not stated whether the it holds the authorisations to apply for a coastal permit in the aquaculture settlement areas. If authorisations are not held, this would mean the application is ineligible under clause 18(e) of the Fast-track Approvals Bill. Should this application be consented over areas that have not previously be subject to a resource consent for aquaculture, it could generate a settlement obligation in the Canterbury region (under the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act) that is representative of 20% of the newly consented space.
Fisheries settlement considerations	The Fisheries Settlement has been concluded. Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu hold all commercial fishing assets on behalf of the iwi members. Customary fishing is managed by the Ōnuku Rūnanga under the provisions of the Fisheries (South Island Customary Fishing) Regulations 1999 which were made to give effect to Fisheries Settlement agreements. The rohe for customary fishing purpose overlays the application site.
Impacts of a project on Māori development and PSGE priorities	Ōnuku Runanga are the representative body of Ngāi Tarewa, Ngāti Irakehu. Ngāi Tarewa and Ngāti Irakehu are the mana whenua mana moana of Akaroa Harbour. Ōnuku is one of eighteen Ngāi Tahu papatipu rūnanga. Ōnuku seeks to undertake the proposed activity as an exercise of rangatiratanga and as the intergenerational kaitiaki of Akaroa harbour.

¹ [Notice Declaring Removal and Addition of Aquaculture Settlement Areas in Lucas Bay \(South\), Akaroa Harbour \(Canterbury Region\) for the Purposes of the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004 \(Notice No. MPI 533\) - 2015-go6209 - New Zealand Gazette](#)

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