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From: Neil Deans s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, 28 May 2024 1:37 pm
To: Listed Projects
Cc: Anna Galvin; Stephanie McNicholl; Karen Rainbow; Meredith Lawry; Katy Newton
Subject: RE: [IN-CONFIDENCE] Feedback on FTA116 Raetihi Renewable Energy Project

Kia ora e Steph

This application lacks many key specifics, so we caveat this response that there may be aspects which has not been revealed. For example, the project area is not well defined, nor is the area or nature of the solar power generation.

On the information provided, we did not detect any specific public conservation land in scope. We have information to suggest there are overlays which apply to some areas, such as a wildlife refuge over the storage pond, for example. We have not been able to confirm this within the time available as it requires close examination of title and gazette information.

There may be wildlife and fisheries aspects to consider, for which the appropriate approvals may be required. There is insufficient project detail to confirm this. None of these issues would be grounds for ineligibility.

In respect of relevant Treaty settlements we note that the streams involved in hydro generation are tributaries to Te Waiū o Te Ika, which is referred to in the Ngāti Rangi Claims Settlement Act 2019.

The Kaitiaki Area clause (5.14) in the Te Korowai o Te Wainuiārua Deed of Settlement 2023 needs consideration (map OMCR-0074-01).

The proposed location is also very close to the Ngatokoerua Place designated area also in the Te Korowai o Te Wainuiārua Deed of Settlement 2023 (map OMCR-007-46).

We are not able to comment on the extent to which these settlements are upheld in the context of this application, given its lack of detail. We recommend that engagement with the settled entities would be essential to determine the project's eligibility.

Regards

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Mōrena Neil

This listed project application is for FTA 116 Raetihi Renewable Energy Project.

The application is for a solar farm, wind farm and pumped hydro plant within the existing hydro scheme. There do not appear to be any previous applications through a standard resource consent process. The application refers to seeking approvals under the Wildlife Act.

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 hydro projects on Friday of this week.

Could you please provide your feedback by COB **29 May 2024** at the latest. Any sooner if at all most possible, would be greatly appreciated.

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

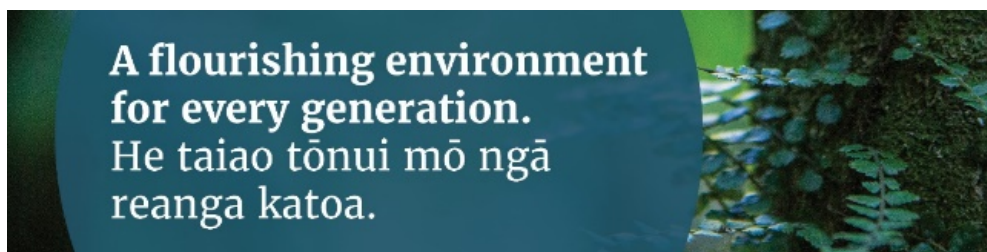
Ngā mihi
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