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From: Neil Deans s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, 24 May 2024 2:48 pm
To: Listed Projects
Cc: Joel Lauterbach; Carole Tilman; Meredith Lawry
Subject: RE: [IN-CONFIDENCE]Feedback on FTA124, FTA391, FTA392 Aquila Clean Energy Wind Farms

Kia ora e Karen

I will respond to this in separate emails for each of the three applications by this applicant, for clarity. This one is in relation to FTA124 Ruarangi Wind Farm.

First, as far as we can tell based on the information provided, there is no public conservation land within the project area. s 9(2)(b)(ii) both adjoin the project area, however. There is also a QEII covenant over private land to the south of the latter reserve. Reserves appear in blue and the covenant in yellow in the following image; with the project area approximately delineated by blue dots.

Some of the species known from those reserves may also be present within the project area, which may require Wildlife or Freshwater Fishery approvals. This may include for bats, frogs, lizards, a variety of freshwater fish and potentially also birds. None of these would affect project eligibility for Fast Tracking, however.

We understand there are heritage sites on the private land within the project area, but the relevance of this would be a matter for MCH to advise upon.

The Treaty settlement for Te Uri o Hau adjoins the southern and eastern areas.

S13 of Te Uri o Hau Settlement Act 2002 ([Te Uri o Hau Claims Settlement Act 2002 No 36 \(as at 12 April 2022\), Public Act Schedule 13 Statement by Te Uri o Hau of association with indigenous species – New Zealand Legislation](#)) states:

“The whaikorero (oral history) of our tupuna from of old and now honoured by each generation thereafter places the utmost importance on the role of Te Uri o Hau as kaitiakitanga (guardians) for all the life forms of the environment. Te Uri o Hau have always believed that the environment, including all indigenous species of fish, flora, and fauna alive, is inter-related through whakapapa and all is precious to Te Uri o Hau. All species are important and all play their particular role within the environment. The integration of all species in the

environment is woven within the holistic pattern of life itself. Te Uri o Hau as a people are part and parcel of the environment itself. Te Uri o Hau recognise that any negative effects on one species may cause ill effects for other species. Te Uri o Hau continue to maintain a kaitiaki (guardian) role to look after all species within our environment.

The mauri (life force) of all species is important to Te Uri o Hau, the essence that binds the physical and spiritual elements of all things together, generating and upholding all life. All species of the natural environment possess a life force and all forms of life are related."

We recommend that contact is made with Te Uri o Hau to ensure that their Treaty settlement is upheld in respect of this and any other relevant matters. We cannot confirm whether the application meets those eligibility criteria. Other iwi without settlements are likely to have interests in the area.

Regards

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Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 2:05 PM

To: Neil Deans s 9(2)(a)

Subject: [IN-CONFIDENCE]Feedback on FTA124, FTA391, FTA392 Aquila Clean Energy Wind Farms

Kia ora Neil,

Please find attached the application material for three listed projects made by Aquia Clean Energy Wind Farms. We are processing these separately:

- FTA124 – Ruarangi Wind Farm
- FTA391 – Ratahiwi Wind Farm
- FTA392 – Kurow Wind Farm

The applicant indicates the possible need for a Wildlife Authority, although no site-specific concerns have been identified.

Could you please let us know anything you're aware of that would render this project ineligible under Clause 18, or any relevant Treaty settlement provisions you are aware of. We'd be grateful if could you provide any feedback by **5pm Monday 27 May**.

Ngā mihi

Karen

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