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You are correct that there is considerable public conservation land affected by this proposal, and a number of threatened species in the vicinity. These may require Wildlife Act approvals and possibly freshwater fishery approvals, via RMA provisions. This depends on the size of the dams to impound water and whether there are fish populations requiring fish passage, which is not clear in the application.

The project does not appear to have any public conservation land which would exclude it from Fast Track consideration. Note that the application refers to a potential land swap of Public Conservation Land, which may require being undertaken via a Fast Track process. This would not render it ineligible, however.

There would likely be downstream effects of diverting stream flows, both positive (reducing acid mine drainage) and negative (from reduced flows). Similarly there will be coastal marine tailrace discharge effects signalled in the application. None of these would likely make the application out of Fast Track scope.

The application refers to engagement with Ngati Waewae, which will have potential Treaty settlement matters in scope. We have not assessed these, nor has consultation been undertaken to confirm the advice in the AEE.

In summary, given the time constraints, no matters making this application ineligible for consideration have been identified.

Regards

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Kia ora Neil

Please find attached the application material for listed project application FTA010 Stockton Plateau Hydro Scheme.

The application indicates approvals are required under the Conservation Act and Crown Minerals Act and includes DOC-managed Stewardship land.

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?

If possible, please provide feedback by **5pm Monday 13 May**.

Max Gander-Cooper (he/him)

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