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From: Meredith Lawry s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 5 June 2024 9:52 am
To: Listed Projects
Cc: Neil Deans [EXTERNAL] (DOC)
Subject: FW: Feedback for FTA049 Te Kuha Coal Project [email 1 of 2]

Kia ora,

We do not know of any reasons why this application would be ineligible.

However, it may be useful to know that this project has previously been declined for an access arrangement under the CMA for 12 hectares, and 1.6 hectares of Conservation Area has been the subject of a land exchange proposal for 8.5 hectares of freehold land owned by Te Kuha Partnership/Stevenson Mining

This project would impact on two areas of stewardship land – Mt Rochfort Conservation Area and Ballarat Conservation Area.

We do not know of any particular Treaty implications for this site.

Thanks,
Meredith

From: Joy Comrie s 9(2)(a) >
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 8:24 AM
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Cc: Owen Kilgour s 9(2)(a) ; Neil Deans s 9(2)(a) ; Suvi Van Smit s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Feedback for FTA049 Te Kuha Coal Project [email 1 of 2]

Hi Meredith

For Te Kuha, see the response below. Any more details Suvi van Smit, Ops Manager for Buller/Westport is the best source of information.

Question	Response (FTA049 Te Kuha Coal Project)
Would the site likely require any DOC approvals (eg Wildlife Act, Conservation Act, freshwater fisheries)	Yes, (1) Access Arrangement under the Crown Minerals Act for 12 ha – previously declined (2) Wildlife Act – ‘catch alive or kill’ (3) Concession for easement across Conservation land for 260m of haul road (Ballarat Conservation Area). Note: 1.6 ha of Conservation Area has been the subject of a land exchange proposal for 8.5 ha of freehold land owned by Te Kuha Partnership/Stevenson Mining
Is any PCL affected? In particular, is the project likely to affect a National Park, Wildlife or Forest Sanctuary, Nature or National Reserve, or Ramsar sites?	Mt Rochfort Conservation Area (Stewardship land) (12 ha affected). Ballarat Conservation Area (Stewardship land) for haul road < 2 ha <ul style="list-style-type: none">Will not be affecting NP, Nature Reserves etc
Do we know of any Treaty implications that MfE should be made aware of (eg, whether the site is relevant to a Terms of Settlement)?	No

Let me know if this is this answers the queries adequately.

Cheers

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From: Meredith Lawry s 9(2)(a) >
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Cc: Owen Kilgour <s 9(2)(a)>; Neil Deans s 9(2)(a) >
Subject: RE: Feedback for FTA049 Te Kuha Coal Project [email 1 of 2]

Kia ora Joy

As below and attached, we have been asked to review this Fast-track application for the Te Kuha Coal Project, which is proposed for just south of Westport. NB there were quite large files for this application so I will also be sending a second batch of attachments.

With huge apologies for the short notice, it would be fantastic if your team could review this application and respond to me and Neil (ccd) by **9am Tuesday 5 June?**

At this stage, all we are asking is a gateway test: is an application ineligible for Fast Track consideration or not? Mostly they are not ineligible. It is not a question of merit, which can be addressed later.

We need to know whether any PCL which is out of scope of Fast Track is in the project area, such as National Park, Wildlife or Forest Sanctuary, Nature or National Reserve, or Ramsar site. There is stewardship land as part of the project area.

It is also helpful to know if there are other potential issues affecting wildlife or freshwater fisheries for which approvals will be required under this application, although those may not be grounds for ineligibility.

Secondly, please advise if there are any Treaty settlements relevant to the project site. We don't need to contact the Treaty partner (due to confidentiality) but do need to advise our colleagues at MfE running the eligibility assessment if this is a potential risk for eligibility and upholding Treaty settlements.

Please advise if the timeframe for advice is a problem, or contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you!
Meredith

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Subject: Feedback for FTA049 Te Kuha Coal Project

Kia ora kōura

This listed project application is for FTA049 Te Kuha Coal Project. Application was quiet large so have instead added it in the MS Teams FTA- DOC group files.

The application is to establish an overburden disposal area adjacent to the existing quarry in Belmont, Lower Hutt. The application refers to seeking approvals under the Wildlife Act, Reserves Act, and Conservation Act. They also wish to invoke a land swap with DOC.

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?

Could you please provide your feedback by **midday 5 June 2024**.

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

Ngā mihi,

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