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From: Neil Deans S 9(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 5 June 2024 12:06 pm
To: Listed Projects
Cc: Meredith Lawry; Joy Comrie; Wayne Costello; Owen Kilgour
Subject: FW: Response [IN-CONFIDENCE]URGENT Feedback on FTA126 - West Coast Renewable Energy Project

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Hi Stephanie

Please find following the DOC feedback on these three small hydro projects in central and south Westland, to the extent that the application provides relevant information. Some details would require more specific information.

As advised below, there are DOC administered lands involved in each case which either have or will require concessions through Fast Tracking. It is not clear if Wildlife approvals may be required, but freshwater fisheries matters may need to be addressed depending upon the nature and location of the diversion structures and what species are present.

No specific Treaty commitments have been advised in relation to these applications, but all would require engagement with the appropriate Ngāi Tahu authority.

As far as we can gather, there are no reasons for these projects to be ineligible for Fast Track consideration.

Regards

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From: Joy Comrie S 9(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 11:55 AM
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Hi Neil/Meredith

Response below on the 3 South Westland hydro projects. If there is any further information you require, Ops Manager Wayne Costello would be the first point of contact.

Harold Creek

Question	Response
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?	Yes, Wilberg Range Scenic Reserve
Would the site likely require any DOC approvals (eg Wildlife Act, Conservation Act, freshwater fisheries)	Yes, Reserves Act approvals for concession for intake structure (construction and location/siting of) and penstock through the scenic reserve (construction and location/siting). Potentially Freshwater Fisheries Regulations for constructing a diversion structure?
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)?	Under Ngai Tahu Treaty Settlement, but no specific commitments or implications related to this area (Treaty settlement layer checked in DOC GIS and Kā Huru Manu checked)

Dry Creek (Little Man River)

Question	Response
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?	Yes, Waitangi Forest Conservation Area (stewardship land); Dry Creek Marginal Strip, and Whataroa Scenic Reserve
Would the site likely require any DOC approvals (eg Wildlife Act, Conservation Act, freshwater fisheries)	Yes. Concession permission for intake structure construction and siting along with ongoing maintenance
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)?	Under Ngai Tahu Treaty Settlement but no specific commitments or implications related to this area

Turnbull River

Question	Response
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?	Okuru-Waiatoto Conservation Area
Would the site likely require any DOC approvals (eg Wildlife Act, Conservation Act, freshwater fisheries)	Yes. Variation to existing concession
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)?	Under Ngai Tahu Treaty Settlement but no specific commitments or implications related to this area.

Joy Comrie

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Hi Joy

As discussed.

Forwarding this to you as well as another one relating to Barrytown flats. Sorry about timeframes but if these could be looked at for any PCL which is ineligible (unlikely) or if there are any Treaty settlement issues which might arise.

Appreciate if we can get a response by COB tomorrow 5th June.

Many thanks

Neil Deans

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From: Listed Projects <ListedProjects@mfe.govt.nz>
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Mōrena Neil and Meredith – if you could please put this one ahead of mining ones, it would be appreciated. This is going to the Advisory Group before the mining ones.

This listed project application is for FTA126 West Coast Renewable Energy Project.

The 'bundled' application seeks resource consents for 3x new hydro schemes. There do not appear to be any previous applications through a standard resource consent process. The application refers to DoC and use of PCL.

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 will consider this one ahead of the mining projects.
If possible could you please provide your feedback by COB **6 June 2024** at the latest. Any sooner 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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