

MPI advice on Fast-track Listed Project Application

Application name	Whakamaru Energy Battery Storage System
Application number	FTA286
Applicant	Mercury Energy Limited
Whether the application decision will be ineligible under Clause 18 of the FTA Bill	No
Other authorisations that may be required from MPI	N/A
Aquaculture settlement considerations	There are no aquaculture settlement related implications.
Fisheries settlement considerations	There are no fisheries settlement issues with this application.
Impacts of a project on Māori development and PSGE priorities	<p>Raukawa is mana whenua at subject site. Raukawa are party to Te Ture Whaimana o te Awa, the vision and strategy for the Waikato River. Activities in the catchment should be guided by this document. The application notes that the project is being designed and developed in partnership the iwi to ensure consistency with Te Ture Whaimana.</p> <p>The Raukawa Mercury Partnership Kawenata was signed in 2021. Mercury is continuing to engage with Raukawa on the project. The project was first introduced in October 2023 at a hui held between Mercury and Raukawa.</p>
Other considerations	<p>Comments from Water Availability and Security perspective –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No specific water quantity issues identified. - Stormwater and sedimentation management have been identified as issues affecting water quality. No specific information is presented on where stormwater is going to be discharged.

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