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**From:** Stevenson, Mark s 9(2)(a)  
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**To:** Listed Projects  
**Subject:** RE: Query regarding Implementation of the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Plan  
**Attachments:** Whitiara fast-track submission response.pdf

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Kia ora,

Thank you for your email regarding our application for listing the Implementation of the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Plan in the Fast-track approvals bill.

As you have indicated, a number of groups are identified as potentially affected by the project. Consultation was undertaken with the parties and others in developing the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Plan. In particular, page 21 notes

*“This engagement included: Having close working relationships with partners: Christchurch City Council, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Environment Canterbury, Ōtākaro Limited and the Crown.”*

[dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2019-08/Otakaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration PlanReducedSize.pdf](https://dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2019-08/Otakaro%20Avon%20River%20Corridor%20Regeneration%20PlanReducedSize.pdf)

The project is required by a regulatory direction in the Regeneration Plan made under the Greater Christchurch Regeneration Act. In this context, section 29(1) of that Act required the views of the following parties to be obtained on the “outline” of the Plan and on the draft Plan before the Minister approved the Regeneration Plan:

*29 Proponent must seek views and finalise outline*

*(1) The proponent must provide the draft outline prepared under section 28 to, and seek the views of, each of the following parties that is not the proponent:*

*(a) Christchurch City Council:*

*(b) Canterbury Regional Council:*

*(c) Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu:*

*(d) Regenerate Christchurch:*

*(e) Ōtākaro Limited:*

*(f) the chief executive.*

In addition to the above, the following consultation was undertaken in relation to Council’s application -

#### **Canterbury Regional Council/ Environment Canterbury**

Consultation was undertaken with Environment Canterbury during the preparation of the application. Their response to Council’s application was as follows -

*“While we are supportive of the broader OARC programme and the work underway to deliver environmental and social benefits, we will not provide a letter of support to this Fast Track Approval application ... our rationale for taking this position is, with our RMA regulator hat on, we don’t formally endorse projects where we have a regulatory role. I’m conscious that if unsuccessful, these projects will continue to come to us for gaining resource consents.”*

**Te Ngāi Tūāhūiriri**

As summarised in the application, consultation was undertaken with Te Ngāi Tūāhūriri as part of preparing this application and *“there will be further Engagement with representatives of Te Ngāi Tūāhūriri including as part of governance decision-making on the programme of work within the Ōtākaro Avon River corridor”*. Te Ngāi Tūāhūriri subsequently provided the attached response to Council. Council addressed the questions and there continues to be ongoing dialogue with Te Ngāi Tūāhūriri as partners in implementation of the plan.

#### **Te Runanga o Ngāi Tahu**

Te Runanga o Ngāi Tahu were engaged with on the Fast track approvals bill and input on Council’s application was subsequently provided by Te Ngāi Tūāhūriri who Te Runanga o Ngāi Tahu represent.

#### **Ihutai Ahu Whenua Trust**

The Ihutai Ahu Whenua Trust are represented on a Co-governance establishment committee for the Ōtākaro Avon River corridor and have been provided with information on Council’s application. The representative for the Trust has expressed support for Te Ngāi Tūāhūriri in communication to date on the fast-track application.

The engagement to date has not resulted in changes to the proposal but there will be further consultation as the project progresses.

If there is any additional information you need to assist in consideration of Council’s application, please let me know.

Thank you

Ngā mihi nui

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Mōrena Mark,

Thank you for your application for Implementation of the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Plan Project for listing in the Fast-track Approvals Bill.

Under clause 16 of the Fast-track Approvals Bill, applicants must undertake engagement with specific groups before lodging a referral application, and include a record of the engagement and statement explaining how it has informed the project.

In this application, a number of groups are identified as potentially affected by the project, including Canterbury Regional Council, Te Tunanga o Ngāi Tahu, Te Ngāi Tūāhūriri, and Ihutai Agu Whenua Trust. However your application only speaks of engagement with Te Ngāi Tūāhūriri and public consultation.

Please can you provide some more information about engagement undertaken (if any) with the **all** above organisations on this project, and how that has informed the project?

If possible, please provide your response midday **Monday 10 June 2024** at the latest.

Kind regards

Regards

Many thanks

MfE Listed Projects Team



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