

## MPI advice on Fast-track Listed Project Application

<b>Application name</b>	Lower North Island Integrated Rail Mobility & PBC Stage RS4.3 Project
<b>Application number</b>	FTA 315
<b>Applicant</b>	KiwiRail Holdings Ltd
<b>Whether the application will be ineligible under Clause 18 of the FTA Bill</b>	No
<b>Other authorisations that may be required from MPI</b>	
<b>Aquaculture settlement considerations</b>	The application is not located within an aquaculture settlement area established under section 12 of the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004 or within an area reserved for aquaculture within an individual iwi settlement.
<b>Fisheries settlement considerations</b>	There are no Fisheries Settlement issues associated with this project.
<b>Impacts of a project on Māori development and PSGE priorities</b>	<p>The application seems to rely on an expectation that only existing rail corridors will be used but does imply that additional land use may be required along with activities within or near waterways. Application notes that where additional land is required beyond the current legal boundaries of the rail corridor, a complete landowners list will be available as optioneering progresses. This may include Māori land and therefore could trigger some Section 18 Clauses.</p> <p>Also, application says: It is expected that projects within the programme will be delivered in partnership or with the active engagement of mana whenua. Collaboration with mana whenua at the early stages of a project is important to ensure a partnership approach is taken to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi - The Treaty of Waitangi. An assessment of effects on heritage and archaeology will also be prepared.</p>

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