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From: Karen Sannazzaro s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, May 27, 2024 8:49 AM
To: Lucas Dempsey s 9(2)(a)
Subject: FW: [COMMERCIAL]Fast-track approval - further info re Puketoi Wind Farm Project
Importance: High

Hi Lucas,

I have an application from Mercury for a fast-track project listing for a project that appears already consented. I spoke with Max before he went on leave regarding this potentially not meeting Clause 2(3)(a) of Schedule 4 of the Bill and sought clarification from Mercury. They have responded – see attached – with an alternative view to our approach.

Essentially, they have a consent for a 53 turbine wind farm at their Puketoi location. They want to change it up somewhat - they state most things will be 'different' although the degree of change is unclear - but what remains is still a 53 turbine wind farm at their Puketoi location?

Could you please review and advise? If not you, please forward to the appropriate person? Happy to chat. This is part of Bundle 4 – so due for review Tue/Wed (unless we identify this as unable to meet the Bundle 4 deadline).

Thanks,

Karen

Karen Sannazzaro (she/her)

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From: Ryan Piddington s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 4:43 PM
To: Listed Projects <ListedProjects@mfe.govt.nz>
Cc: General Counsel <General.Counsel@mercury.co.nz>
Subject: RE: [COMMERCIAL]Fast-track approval - further info re Puketoi Wind Farm Project

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Kia ora, thanks for your query below. We have reviewed your question and attach our justification as to why the Puketoi Wind Farm Project is able to be considered for inclusion in Schedule 2A of the Fast-track Bill.

Ngā mihi
Nā Ryan

RYAN PIDDINGTON
STRATEGIC CONSENTS MANAGER

Classification: General

From: Listed Projects <ListedProjects@mfe.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:48 AM

To: Ryan Piddington s 9(2)(a) ; General Counsel
<general.counsel@mercury.co.nz>

Subject: [COMMERCIAL]Fast-track approval - further info re Puketoi Wind Farm Project

Kia ora Ryan

Thank you for your application to have the Puketoi Wind Farm Project included in Schedule 2A of the Fast-track Approvals Bill.

Your application states that "Variations to existing, and applications for new, resource consents are sought to optimise and enable this development. Changes being proposed include the relocation of turbines and access tracks into more accessible locations, thereby reducing the overall volumes of earthworks required and the potential for habitat disturbance. The proposed changes will also significantly reduce the overall construction schedule."

Clause 2(3)(a) of Schedule 4 of the Fast-track Approvals Bill states a person may apply under this Act for a change or cancellation of a condition of an existing resource consent, but only if the application accompanies a new listed or referred project and the change or cancellation of a condition in the existing consent is material to the implementation of the new project.

Therefore, to determine if this project is able to be considered for inclusion in the Bill by the Advisory Group, could you please clarify any aspect of substantive change to the currently consented project, that would enable its consideration as a new project. Otherwise, if you would like to withdraw your application you can do so by emailing us to that effect. We would be grateful if you could provide your response by **5pm, Thursday 23 May 2024**.

Ngā mihi

MfE Listed Projects Team