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**From:** s 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Friday, 21 June 2024 12:15 pm  
**To:** Listed Projects  
**Cc:** Neil Deans [EXTERNAL] (DOC)  
**Subject:** FW: Response to [COMMERCIAL]Feedback on FTA#080 - Arahura Papakāinga Housing Project

Kia ora Ross,

We don't know of a reason that would make this project ineligible.

We note that the PCL that it affects is stewardship land, and a land exchange would be required which does not meet the criteria for an exchange under the Conservation General Policy – see email below for some further info and context.

Thanks,  
Meredith

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**From:** Joy Comrie s 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 21, 2024 11:09 AM  
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**Subject:** Response to [COMMERCIAL]Feedback on FTA#080 - Arahura Papakāinga Housing Project

Hi Meredith and Neil

Yes, there is some history associated with this one. Thanks to Tim, Owen and Nicole here is a tabulated response and some attachments in case they are useful in any future assessment.

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, stewardship land - North Bank Arahura Road Conservation Area.
Would the site likely require any DOC approvals (eg Wildlife Act, Conservation Act, freshwater fisheries)	Yes, this requires disposal or exchange under s. 26 Conservation Act. As it currently stands it does not meet the criteria for disposal - Conservation General policy s. 6 – no or very low conservation value. An ecological assessment was made in 2020 concluding that the North Bank Arahura CA has significant and important ecological values that enhance the Hokitika Ecological District's protected natural area network
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)?	There are no obligations under the treaty settlement related to this piece of land. The Department has been working with Ngāti Waewae to identify possible options that might support this proposal and Ngati Waewae's strategic goal of rebuilding their social and economic wellbeing in Te Tai Poutini. However, these discussions have not yet found a suitable outcome for all parties, primarily due to limitations under the

	existing conservation legislation and policy framework.
Any other matters	The current stewardship land review process recommended this land remain as stewardship land in order to support the aspirations for future papakainga housing

Cheers

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**From:** Meredith Lawry s 9(2)(a)  
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**Subject:** FW: [COMMERCIAL]Feedback on FTA#080 - Arahura Papakāinga Housing Project

Kia ora Joy,

We have received the below and attached Fast-track eligibility application – could you help us with advising on any approvals needed, PCL affected, and relevant Treaty settlement matters by 10am 24 June? It looks like DOC has already engaged pretty closely on this one I think?

Thank you,  
Meredith

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**From:** Listed Projects <[ListedProjects@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ListedProjects@mfe.govt.nz)>  
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**Subject:** [COMMERCIAL]Feedback on FTA#080 - Arahura Papakāinga Housing Project

Kia ora Neil

This listed project application is FTA#080 - Arahura Papakāinga Housing Project

The applicant notes project details as - A land exchange is proposed by Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and the Department of Conservation of approximately 105ha of Ngāi Tahu land around Lake Tarleton (adjacent to public conservation land at Mahināpua), for 74.5ha of public conservation land on the Old Christchurch Road, Hokitika:

Conservation Area- North Bank Arahura Road. The land exchange will enable the development of Papakāinga by Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae beside their Marae. Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae has been in negotiation with the Department of Conservation on this project for over ten years. The Department of Conservation is in support of the project however the legislative mechanisms under the Conservation Act 1987 have limited the ability for the project to progress.

The project has triggered your criteria for consultation.

Could you please provide comment on:

- Noted 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 local protocols
- any other relevant matter?

If possible, could you please provide your feedback by **Noon 24 June 2024**.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist.

Nga mihi

Ross

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