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**To:** Listed Projects; Max Gander-Cooper  
**Cc:** Meredith Lawry; John Galilee; Rebecca Rush; Fiona McKenzie  
**Subject:** FW: [IN-CONFIDENCE]FTA293 Listed projects application - four tracking the rail link between Westfield and Pukekohe

Kia ora e Max

Please find following a response from DOC on the above Fast Track application.

We are not aware there is any public conservation land within the project area. Nor does there appear to be any requirement for wildlife or freshwater fishery approvals.

As far as we can determine, there are no grounds for this project being ineligible for Fast Track consideration.

Relevant Treaty settlements are advised below.

Regards

Neil Deans

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**Subject:** RE: [IN-CONFIDENCE]FTA293 Listed projects application - four tracking the rail link between Westfield and Pukekohe

Kia ora Neil –

We have gathered together the information you were seeking as follows:

We need to know whether any PCL which is out of scope of Fast Track is in the project area, such as National Park, Wildlife or Forest Sanctuary, Nature or National Reserve, or Ramsar site.

There is no PCL within the project area.

It is also helpful to know if there are other potential issues affecting wildlife for which approvals will be required under this application, although those may not be grounds for ineligibility ie. any DOC-related approvals that would be needed (they have already indicated the need for Wildlife Act and Conservation Act approvals). If there are any wildlife, freshwater fisheries or land access permissions for mining which may require DOC approvals.

We have not confirmed a need for any other permissions in addition to those already identified. However, the railway corridor crosses a number of streams so there is potential for some impacts on native freshwater fish.

Secondly, please advise if there are any Treaty settlements relevant to the project site. We don't need to contact the Treaty partner (due to confidentiality) but do need to advise our colleagues at MfE running the eligibility assessment if this is a potential risk for eligibility and upholding Treaty settlements.

There are no areas of PCL that have been returned to iwi as Treaty settlement redress within the project area.

As broader context the DOCGIS Treaty layer identifies the following Treaty settlement redress that includes the project area:

- Ngāti Tamaoho have Statutory Acknowledgement and a Conservation Protocol Area (relationship agreement)
- The Tāmaki Collective have Right of First Refusal and a Conservation Protocol Area (relationship agreement)
- Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki have a Conservation Protocol area (relationship agreement)
- Te Kawerau a Maki have Cultural Redress in their Area of Interest
- Waikato Raupatu Have Right of First Refusal for a portion of land around the Papakura rail area and Pukekohe rail area
- Ngāti Whatua Ōrakei have a Conservation Protocol area

Other iwi with interests in this area include:

- Ngāti Maru
- Ngāti Paoa
- Ngāti Tamaterā
- Ngāti Te Ata
- Ngāti Whanaunga
- Te Ākitai Waiohū
- Te Patukirikiri

Please come back to me if you require anything further.

JG

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**Subject:** FW: [IN-CONFIDENCE]FTA293 Listed projects application

Kia ora e John

Another Fast Track application for you, for four tracking the rail link between Westfield and Pukekohe. Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

I would appreciate if one of your team could have a look at this for eligibility for Fast Track consenting. Note this is confidential.

In summary, we need to know what, if any, PCL is directly affected by the project and the status of that land, to confirm it is not ineligible for Fast Track consideration.

It helps to know if there are any wildlife, freshwater fisheries or land access permissions for mining which may require DOC approvals.

We also need to know if there are any Treaty settlements which may be affected that we can advise to MfE.

Can you please provide your summary advice by noon on Thursday 20 June.

Many thanks

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Kia ora Neil and Meredith

This listed project application is for FTA293 – Four Tracking Westfield to Pukekohe Project.

The application is for an expansion to the North Island Main Trunk rail line. The application refers to a Wildlife Act approval.

Could you please provide comment on:

- whether the project requires any other 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 COB **21 June 2024**.

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

Ngā mihi

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