

## MPI advice on Fast-track Listed Project Application

<b>Application name</b>	Pit 1 Mining Project
<b>Application number</b>	FTA355
<b>Applicant</b>	Taharoa Iron Sands Limited
<b>Whether the application is 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>	N/A
<b>Fisheries settlement considerations</b>	There are no fisheries settlement implication for this site.
<b>Impacts of a project on Māori development and PSGE priorities</b>	<p>Comments from Māori Partnerships and Investment –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mine is on Māori-owned land and subject to a lease with the owners, Taharoa C, and adjacent to a block privately owned by the Kana Whānau.</li> <li>- The application does not include the lease or evidence that the landowners have agreed for the application to seek an expansion of their mining activities.</li> <li>- MPI has a Primary Industries Protocol with Maniapoto.</li> <li>- There is a coastal statutory acknowledgement that follows the coastline from Kawhia Harbour south to Taranaki, which includes the coastal area adjacent to Tahaora.</li> <li>- There are statutory acknowledgements over Ngā Wai o Maniapoto, covering waterways that fall within the Taharoa area of operation.</li> <li>- Waikato-Tainui rohe also spans the Taharoa area of operation. There is a relevant Agriculture, Biosecurity and Forestry Accord with Waikato-Tainui.</li> </ul> <p>Note – Biosecurity NZ will have interests in the operation of Port Taharoa.</p>
<b>Other matters</b>	Comments from Water Availability & Security team –

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Application indicates that slurry from this mine will be pumped to a treatment plant within the Central and Southern Blocks (FTA370). Where does the responsibility of slurry management sit – Pit 1 or Central and Southern Blocks?</li> <li>- As has been done with FTA372, this project also relies existing water take and use consents from Central and Southern Blocks (FTA370). Does the existing consent allow this transfer? Does the existing water consent have enough water to go between FTA355, 379 and 372?</li> <li>- The environment assessment report indicates that groundwater impacts from mining is unlikely (e.g interception of groundwater by mining activities), though it is not clear if this conclusion was based on data or expert judgement of general area.</li> </ul>
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