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**From:** Meredith Lawry S 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 4 July 2024 11:54 am  
**To:** Listed Projects  
**Cc:** Neil Deans [EXTERNAL] (DOC)  
**Subject:** FW: [IN-CONFIDENCE] FTA187 Rangitootuni email 1 of 3

Kia ora,

Please see below for DOC's notes on this one. It doesn't appear to be ineligible, but Wildlife Act authorisation may be needed.

Thanks,  
Meredith

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**From:** John Galilee S 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 4, 2024 11:53 AM  
**To:** Meredith Lawry S 9(2)(a)  
**Cc:** Neil Deans S 9(2)(a); Alex Rogers S 9(2)(a); Rebecca Rush S 9(2)(a); Fiona McKenzie S 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: FTA187 Rangitootuni email 1 of 3

Kia ora Meredith -

Please find below responses to your questions as compiled by our District community ranger and reviewed by me.

1. There is no PCL associated with these sites or immediately adjacent. The nearest is a small distance to the east comprising of the Rangitootuni Marginal Strip.
2. If any native vegetation is to be removed, then potentially a Wildlife Act authorisation will be required in respect of lizards. Not noted within the specific project area but in the Riverhead Forest vicinity there are records of copper skink, forest gecko and Pacific gecko. West of Riverhead Forest is located a threatened plant *Veronica jovellanoides*. There are previous reports that bats are/were either resident or use(d) the Riverhead Forest habitat. There are many streams in the area and development has the potential to affect freshwater species.
3. From the DOCGIS Treaty Settlement layer:
  - Te Kawerau a Maki (applicant) have Cultural Redress through their Area of Interest and Statutory Acknowledgement (part)
  - Ngāti Tamaoho have a Conservation Protocol Area (Relationship Agreement)
  - Ngāti Whatua o Kaipara have a Conservation Protocol Area (Kawenata)
  - Other individual iwi entities that associate with this area through their rohe include:
    - Ngāti Manuhiri
    - Ngāti Tamaterā
    - Ngāti Te Ata
    - Te Ākitai Waiohū
    - Ngāi Tai ki Tamaki
4. We are not aware of any compliance issues

JG

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**From:** Meredith Lawry S 9(2)(a)

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 2, 2024 4:24 PM

**To:** John Galilee S 9(2)(a)

**Cc:** Neil Deans S 9(2)(a); Alex Rogers S 9(2)(a)

**Subject:** FTA187 Rangitopuni email 1 of 3

Kia ora John,

WE have received another batch of eligibility applications – these have come to us late in the piece as the attachments were blocked by a firewall so we have only just received them today. This is email 1 of 3 for this project.

MFE has asked DOC to assist with ineligibility checks for projects being considered by the Advisory Group for potential listing in the Fast-Track Approvals Bill. At this stage, projects are just being tested against narrow “ineligibility” criteria. If projects are not ineligible and so are listed in the Bill, they will still be assessed on their merits at a later stage—then we can advise on any concerns we have with the project.

Information about the project is **attached**. This is only “preliminary” information provided by the applicant designed just to address the ineligibility test; the applicant will need to supply more details at a later stage in the process.

Please note that this information is **confidential** and must not be discussed outside of DOC. This means we cannot engage with our Treaty partners at this stage.

For now, we need advice from you on these three limited questions:

1. What classifications of PCL&W may be affected by this project, and is there any specific local context about this PCL or the project that the Advisory Group should know? If you are uncertain about whether something might be relevant, please get in touch.
2. What conservation approvals may be required for this project?
3. What Treaty settlements are relevant to this area, and are there any conservation-related obligations in these settlements specific to the site impacted by the applications or specific to the sorts of activity proposed? Again, is there any local context about iwi interest in these areas or this project that the Advisory Group should know?
4. Do you know of any history of compliance issues with the applicant regarding conservation approvals?

We will be passing this information to MFE for them to include in advice to the Advisory Group that is deciding whether these projects are listed. Any information you provide that isn't just answering the above questions goes beyond what MFE have asked for and will not be delivered to that Advisory Group. You'll get a chance to comment on the merits of this and other fast-track projects when the time comes (though timeframes are expected to be tight). Any additional information you have will be useful for this later work, but please don't send it through just yet because we can't do anything useful with it at this stage.

We appreciate that some projects associated with this Bill are of concern to our Treaty partners. When communicating the answers to those questions above back to MFE, we will be clearly setting out that we are not able to speak for iwi, and that our inability to engage with them due to the confidentiality requirements of this

process is a concern. Decision makers under the fast-track legislation are required to act consistently with Treaty settlement obligations. When we provide comments or otherwise advise decision-makers at later stages, we will still be using section 4 to guide our involvement and engagement as much as possible. If you would rather not be involved at all to avoid jeopardising your relationships with Treaty partners, we are happy to answer these questions to the best of our ability and then work with you later, at the “substantive application” stage.

Please provide this information by 2pm 4 July. We recognise these timeframes set by MFE are difficult, but there is little scope for extensions. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything to do with this process, please feel free to contact me or you can talk to Malcolm from DOC’s legal team at s 9(2)(a) or on s 9(2)(a) .

Thanks,  
Meredith

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