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From: Neil Deans s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, 24 May 2024 1:28 pm
To: Listed Projects
Cc: Anna Galvin; Wihi Meelker-Ngatai; Malcolm Harison
Subject: RE: [IN-CONFIDENCE]Feedback on FTA051 Wheao Hydro-Electric Power Scheme Re-Consenting

Kia ora Ollie

The relevant iwi and public conservation land (including both Conservation Park and marginal strip) have been identified by the applicant. As far as we can tell from the information provided, none of these areas are ineligible for consideration under Clause 18(h) or (i) of the Fast Track Bill.

Please note there are Treaty settlement obligations specific to these areas of public conservation land, however, with concerns expressed by settled iwi in relation to the scheme operation. We advise that it would be essential to ensure the views of the settled iwi were canvassed and conveyed to those who will decide if the relevant settlements are being upheld in the context of this application. This may affect the project's eligibility.

There are also concerns about and effects of the scheme on wildlife such as whio and freshwater fisheries in the area, which may require the relevant approvals under the appropriate legislation and some effects to be better addressed. This is acknowledged, in part, by the application providing more substantial flows in dewatered parts of the catchment.

Regards

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Kia ora Neil,

We have a number of FTA listed project applications under the same applicant. I will send you through a batch for DOC's review. This is the first.

Please find attached the application material for listed project application FTA051 Wheao Hydro-Electric Power Scheme Re-Consenting

This application indicates that Department of Conservation is one of the landowners where this project is located.

Could you please let us know anything you're aware of that would render this project ineligible under Clause 18, or any relevant Treaty settlement provisions you are aware of?

If possible, please provide feedback by **5pm Friday 24 May**.

Ngā Mihi

Oliver Sangster

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