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### Fast-Track Projects Advisory Group - Report to Ministers

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The following departments/agencies have been consulted					
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<input type="checkbox"/> MFAT	<input type="checkbox"/> MPI	<input type="checkbox"/> MfE	<input type="checkbox"/> DIA	<input type="checkbox"/> TPK	<input type="checkbox"/> MoH
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			

**Minister's office to complete:**

Approved

Declined

Noted

Needs change

Seen

Overtaken by Events

See Minister's Notes

Withdrawn

**Comments:**

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### Purpose

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To provide you the Fast-Track Projects Advisory Group report with projects recommended for listing in the Fast-track Approvals Bill.



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## Background

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1. The Fast-track Projects Advisory Group (the Advisory Group) was established to provide independent advice to Ministers on projects to be included in Schedule 2 of the Fast-track Approvals Bill (the Bill). The Advisory Group's process has been underway since their appointment in April 2024.
2. The Advisory Group's Terms of Reference (ToR) direct that a final recommendation report (the report) on the outcome of their advice be delivered to the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform, Minister for Regional Development and Minister of Transport (the delegated Ministers) on 2 August 2024.
3. In preparing the report, the Advisory Group assessed a total of 384 project applications and have determined that 342 projects could deliver significant regional or national benefits. Of the 384 projects, the Advisory Group recommend that:
  - 199 projects be listed in Part A;
  - 143 projects be listed in Part B; and
  - 42 projects are not listed.
4. The Advisory Group assessed all projects against the Bill as introduced, and assessed whether projects are eligible to use the fast-track process under Clause 17 of the Bill.

## Report contents

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5. The report provides to Ministers those projects recommended for listing in Schedule 2 Part A (2A) and Part B (2B) of the Bill, including rationale on why, as well as those projects which should not be included and why.
6. The report also includes:
  - a. recommendations on the priority of projects, both in terms of their worthiness for listing as well as the order in which they could be referred to an Expert Panel post-enactment
  - b. any risks related to projects that Ministers should consider.
7. The report recommendations reflect the majority views of the Advisory Group, and any dissenting views and reasons for them, from any member, are succinctly recorded where relevant.

### ***Prioritisation of 2A projects for listing***

8. The Advisory Group have, in line with their ToR, identified which projects could deliver significant regional or national benefits, but were not asked for a specific number of projects to be recommended for listing. If you wish the lists to have a smaller number of projects, we consider the prioritisation assigned by the Advisory Group could be a useful basis on which to select projects for inclusion in the Schedule.
9. The table below sets out the total number of 2A projects in each prioritisation grouping (ranking 1-5).

<b>2A Prioritisation rank</b>	<b>Total number of projects</b>
2A - Priority 1	46
2A - Priority 2	39
2A - Priority 3	54
2A - Priority 4	30
2A - Priority 5	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>199</b>

10. The total number of projects for combined grouped priority areas are as follows:
- **2A - Priority 1:** (46 projects)
  - **2A - Priority 1 and 2:** (85 projects)
  - **2A - Priority 1, 2 and 3:** (139 projects)
  - **2A - Priority 1, 2, 3, and 4** (169 projects)
  - **2A – Priority 1, 2, 3, 4, 5:** (199 projects)

## Next Steps

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11. In accordance with their proactive release strategy, the Ministry for the Environment intend to proactively release the following high-level information on their website in mid-late August subject to final Ministerial confirmation:
- Number of applications received
  - Number of applications by sector
  - Number of applications by region number of applicants
  - Number of applicants
12. Minister(s) may wish to issue a press release to accompany this release.
13. On 22 August, we will provide you with an officials' briefing which will include the following:
- analysis of any relevant updated Bill criteria and how this may impact projects recommended for listing
  - analysis of any contextual information relating to those projects recommended for listing (to the extent that agencies are aware)
  - collated key agency feedback on projects recommended for listing
  - commentary on prioritisation
  - Treasury commentary on deliverability of Crown projects and other implications for the Crown

- Treaty of Waitangi analysis of projects recommended for inclusion on the list, to satisfy the Crown's obligations
  - commentary on the capacity of the system, including the ability of panels to service listed projects, and mitigation options.
14. The officials' briefing will be compiled in consultation with a number of relevant agencies. This will be accompanied by a draft Cabinet paper for your final Schedule content recommendations.
  15. We recommend delegated Ministers meet with the Infrastructure and Investments Group as part of their decision-making process.
  16. We recommend that delegated Ministers meet the week of 26-30 August 2024 (offices are working on a time) to determine the final Schedule recommendations list for inclusion in the Cabinet paper.
  17. The Advisory Group are contracted through to 5 September 2024, and are available to meet with you to discuss their report recommendations between now and the end of their term should you require.

## **Annexes**

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### Annex One: Fast-Track Projects Advisory Group – Report to Ministers

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