

Memorandum

To: The Ministry for the Environment
From: Jason Jones – Principal Consultant, Resource Management Group Ltd (RMG)
Date: 13 February 2023
Re: Compliance summary – Arawhata Wetland fast track referral application

Introduction & purpose

1. This memorandum should be read in conjunction with the Ministerial Referral application for the Covid 19 Fast Track consenting process in relation to the proposed Arawhata Wetland project.
2. The purpose of the memo is to provide a brief overview of compliance considerations for national, regional and district planning instruments that will or may be relevant to the proposal. This material was not otherwise able to be incorporated directly into the referral application due to character limits in the on-line application fields.

Summary of Compliance Assessment

3. The Applicant has undertaken a full compliance assessment against relevant Plans and regulations as summarised below. The relevant consents identified in the referral application are based on the level of information available at this preliminary stage, and subject to finalisation as technical investigations and design works are completed prior to lodgement. Any additional consent requirements identified following any referral for the project will be applied for and addressed in the Applicant's assessment of effects.
4. Relevant to the above, the Applicant is currently conducting detailed surveys of the site and surrounding environment. This will provide clarity on certain design parameters and their fit or otherwise with relevant regulatory requirements. Based on current information available, the Applicant:
 - a. confirms that no activities prohibited under the relevant District and Regional Plans (and/or the RMA and regulations made under that Act (including any National Environmental Standards));
 - b. considers it is able to comply with many of the relevant rules in the applicable District and Regional Plans – including, for example limits on noise, odour, depth of excavation and works within scheduled drains with flood control and drainage purposes;
 - c. confirms that resource consent will likely be required, as follows:
 - i. as a restricted discretionary activity under the Horowhenua District Plan; and
 - ii. as a discretionary activity under Horizons' One Plan;
 - d. flags that consent may also be required under the NES-CS and NES-FW subject to further detailed design work;
 - e. anticipates that the overall consent package would bundle to discretionary activity status;

- f. has satisfied itself that while the complete package of regulatory requirements remains to be confirmed, no material change to the overall activity status or the scope of matters requiring consideration are anticipated; and
- g. has also considered the breadth of regulations under the NES-FW and satisfied itself that the proposal does not entail any reclamation (Regulation 57), any structures under Regulations 65-68, or engage any of the regulations relating to natural wetlands at Part 3, Subpart 1 of the NES.

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