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From: Jason Jones s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, 21 March 2023 1:17 pm
To: Zen Gerente
Cc: Fast Track Consenting; Shannon Johnston
Subject: RE: [COMMERCIAL]RE: Arawhata proposal

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Kia ora Zen – thanks for the brief update. That's very helpful.

I've provided some [responses](#) to your questions below.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

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From: Zen Gerente s 9(2)(a)
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Kia ora Jason

In our process, we prepare two briefing notes (BN) for the Minister which we call Stage 1 BN and Stage 2 BN. I am currently drafting the Stage 1 BN for the Minister and hoping to finish this by tomorrow to undergo technical review then manager and director sign offs. We are aiming to send this to the Minister later this week.

I just have a couple of questions:

- The application is not specific with respect to how much time is anticipated to be saved using the FTCA process rather than standard processes under the Resource Management Act 1991 (i.e., in years/months). Please specify.

[This is difficult to estimate with any accuracy, and there are a range of factors that may influence timing. To name a few:](#)

- The applicant has no control over Council notification decisions, and we have assumed notification or limited notification may well be determined for the District consents, Regional consents or both.
- The Ministry will be acutely aware of typical processing timeframes for applications subject to some form of notification. The most recent national monitoring report data available for the period ending 2021 indicates an average statutory processing timeframe of 85 days for limited notified applications and 115 days for public notification. We have observed obvious errors in this data (for example, many proposals indicated as being completed in 20 working days or fewer), which suggest these figures are underestimated. There is also wide variance in actual working days reported – with some extending well beyond 115 days.
- Moreover, we are experiencing unprecedented demands on Council consenting team workloads across the country – to the point that we are now receiving letters from Councils immediately upon acceptance of application fee payment that timeframes for accepting the application under s88 of the RMA are being automatically doubled due to time demands. It is reasonable to apply a 5% increase in working days to the 2021 figures above based on current staffing demands, representing 90 and 120 working days respectively.
- Environment Court appeals also need to be factored in. Timeframes for appeal resolution vary widely, but it is reasonable to assume 12 months for the current purposes.
- Based on the timeframes specified in the CFTA, we would anticipate an application from lodgement to decision to require between 40-60 working days depending on complexity, whether further information is requested, whether a hearing is held etc...

The above suggests the proposal would be processed 2 to 3 times faster under the CFTA than under traditional processes. We estimate (approximately) 50-60 days working days saved. If Environment Court appeals are factored in, this would be in excess of 200 working days saved.

Given the limited funding window available for the project, and the need to commence site works during the 2023/24 earthworks season (starting November), this time saving is critical to the project's success.

- The application has noted that the project will generate approximately 45 jobs. Is this number considered as **direct FTE jobs**?

Yes, it is direct FTE jobs. It includes all directly engaged personnel working on the project: 45 full time equivalent roles under the Ministry's Jobs for Nature Project metric.

I need the above information for my draft BN so hope to hear from you soon.

Ngā mihi,

Zen Gerente (she/her)

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From: Jason Jones s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:39 AM
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Morena Zen – hope you are well.

Our entire project team is convening for a hui on Wednesday. As part of the agenda, we'll be discussing the timing and process that will be required in the event our referral application is successful.

I was hoping to provide a brief update about the status of our application, so if you have anything to report on that front, I'd be very grateful.

Ngā mihi
Jason

From: Zen Gerente s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 11:48 AM
To: Jason Jones s 9(2)(a)
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Hi Jason

I had a quick browse on the application the other day and I think Rebecca too. We have no questions so far. I should be able to do a more in-depth review sometime next week so if I need some clarification, you'll hear from me. It's in the queue 😊

Nga mihi,
Zen

From: Jason Jones s 9(2)(a)
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Kia ora Zen – I'm due for a meeting at 1:30pm with our project team. I don't suppose you are free for 5min between now and then to give me a quick update?

My number is below if you can spare time to call.

Thanks

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From: Rebecca Perrett s 9(2)(a)
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Kia ora Jason,

Thank you for your email. I have copied in Zen, the lead Analyst for your referral application, she will be able to contact you in the next few days to provide an update.

Ngā mihi
Rebecca

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From: Jason Jones s 9(2)(a)

Sent: Monday, 6 March 2023 8:10 am

To: Rebecca Perrett s 9(2)(a)

Subject: Arawhata proposal

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Morena Rebecca – hope you are keeping well.

Just checking in re: the Arawhata fast track application. Is there a convenient time I can call you later today to get a sense of the Ministry's indicative programme for processing? Appreciate there are several moving parts – just trying manage client expectations to the extent I can.

I'm travelling to Queenstown this morning, but am reasonably free after lunchtime.

Nga mihi

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