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Chief Executive Officer
Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira
s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Helmut Modlik

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project – Infrastructure Works – Comments sought

In the week commencing 14 September 2020 the Minister for the Environment received an application to refer the above project to an expert consenting panel for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

The project is described as follows, and a copy of the application is attached:

Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project – Infrastructure Works

This project will upgrade three waters infrastructure (water, wastewater and stormwater) to support the Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project (EPRP). The EPRP will replace 2,000 existing state homes with approximately 2,300 new state homes and 1,500 affordable homes in eastern Porirua.

The project consists of the following three components:

- The construction of an additional water reservoir adjacent to the existing reservoir in Whitby. The purpose of this is to ensure there is sufficient water supply capacity to deal with current and future demand.
- The replacement of a wastewater main in Bothamley Park to address existing performance issues and ensure there is sufficient capacity to deal with future demand.
- The construction of a wetland in Cannons Creek Park to mitigate current and future flood risks and treat stormwater prior to discharge.

We understand that you provided a letter to Minister Parker stating that you support this project being referred under the Act. Under delegated authority from the Minister for the Environment, I invite you to provide additional written comments on the proposed project pursuant to section 21(3) of the Act (a template is attached for this purpose). Doing this will ensure the Minister considers your comments when deciding on referring the application. If it is more efficient to

discuss this application, officials from the Fast-track Consenting Team will be available for a discussion with you. Please contact us at fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz.

Also note that if the Minister for the Environment decides to refer the project to a panel, there will be an opportunity for Ngāti Toa to nominate a representative to sit on the panel and determine the application. Applicants will provide a detailed assessment of environmental effects at this next stage.

Please provide your comments via return email within 10 working days so that the Minister for the Environment can take your comments into consideration when deciding on the application.

Nāku noa, nā



Liz Moncrieff
Acting Director, Natural and Built Systems

Enclosure:

A. Application to refer Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project to an expert consenting panel including supporting information.

B. Response template for written comments.

cc Naomi Solomon, RMA Contact, s 9(2)(a)

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