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Dear Liz

**Response to further information - Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project – Infrastructure Works application made under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting) Act**

Thank you for your request for further information, dated 7 October 2020, in relation to the above project and fast track application. Please note that this response is provided on behalf of Porirua City Council and Kāinga Ora.

In your letter, you have sought clarification on the following matters to assist the Minister for the Environment in deciding whether to refer the application:

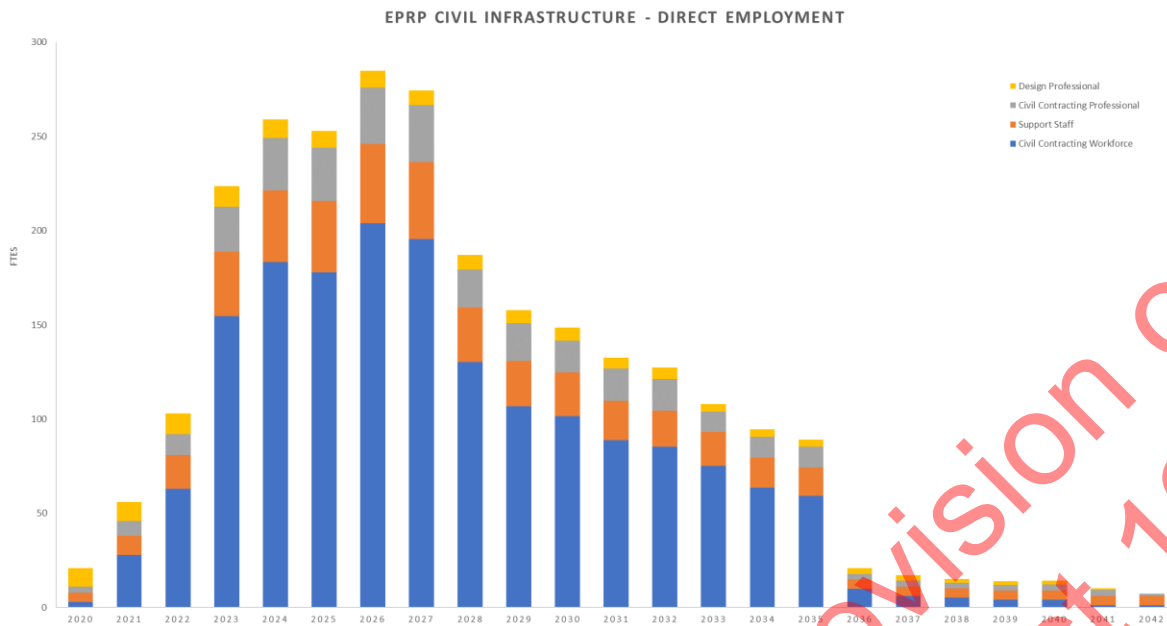
1. Provide clarification on the expected number of jobs for each of the four years of the infrastructure works project
2. A summary of the engagement you have had with Māori and the community on this project and the actions you are taking to address their concerns.

Responses to these matters are set out below.

**Clarification on employment figures in the first four years of the project**

Please see attached a brief report titled *Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project Employment Projections from Investment in Infrastructure*, which provides more granular detail with regard to projected employment figures throughout the duration of the project's construction programme. Employment projections and figures in the attached report are more detailed than those summarised in the COVID-19 Fast Track application and should be relied on where more detail/clarification is required in this regard.

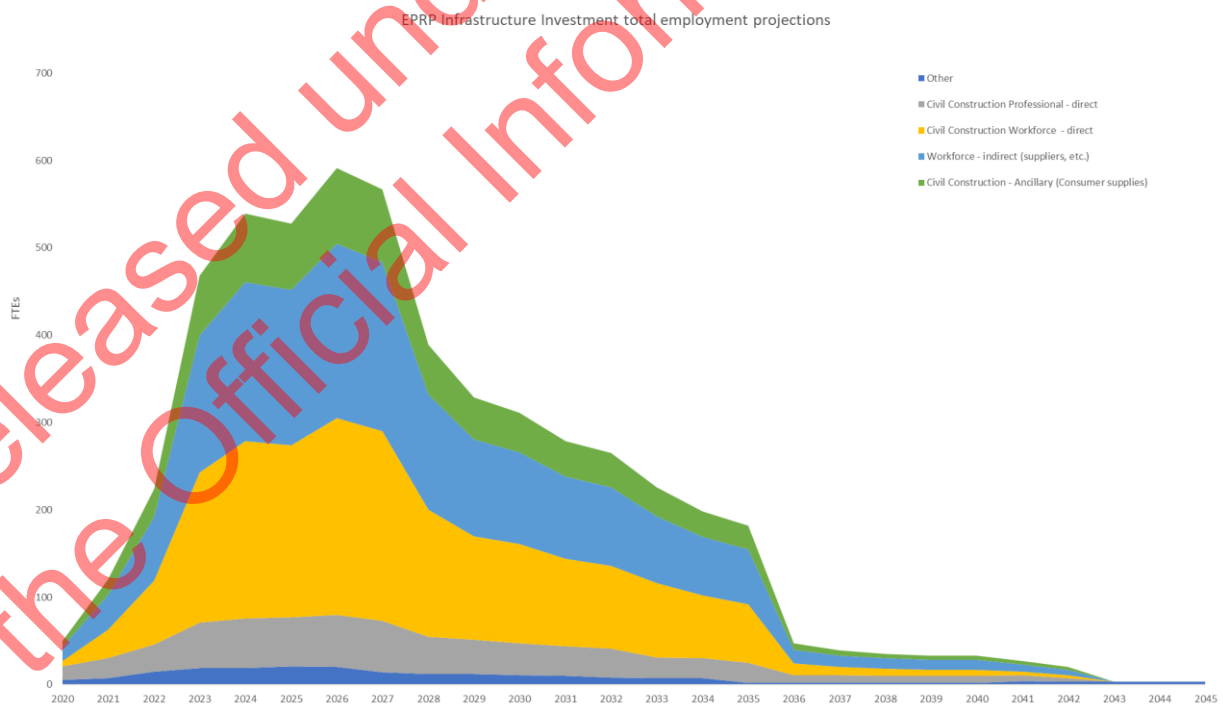
Direct employment from the project (i.e. not accounting for indirect and secondary employment) is projected to result in the following FTEs, as shown in graph 1 below (taken from the attached report).



**Graph 1 – EPRP Civil Infrastructure – Direct Employment**

This shows direct employment gradually climbing in the first few years, with approximate employment positions projected as being 55 FTE in 2021, 105 FTE in 2022, 225 FTE in 2023, and 260 FTE in 2024. Employment rates grow as the capacity and skill base of the local workforce is increased through training and investment opportunities from the project.

When secondary and indirect employment is taken into consideration as a result of investment in the infrastructure project, the FTE figures increase as shown in graph 2 below (also sourced from the attached report).



**Graph 2 – EPRP Infrastructure Investment Total Employment Projections**

This shows employment projections (both direct and indirect) also climbing in the first few years, with approximate overall projected employment positions resulting from

investment in the project as being 120 FTE in 2021, 220 FTE in 2022, 460 FTE in 2023, and 530 FTE in 2024.

**A summary of the engagement you have had with Māori and the community on this project and the actions you are taking to address their concerns.**

As noted within the application for referral, Ngāti Toa Rangatira is the local Iwi in Porirua. Ngāti Toa provided a letter in support of the project, which accompanied the application. No concerns have been conveyed with regard to the proposed infrastructure works or intention to utilise the fast track consenting process. Instead, there is strong support from Ngāti Toa for these works to be initiated as soon as possible, to benefit the environment and enhance the social resilience of the community. No actions were required to address concerns with the works that are the subject of this application.

The project also sought to engage with wider Māori interests. Specific engagement event(s) were designed to hear from Mātāwaka Māori who have a deep interest in eastern Porirua and the community, but who do not whakapapa to Ngāti Toa. While some participants at the Mātāwaka Māori community event raised concern with the wider housing programme (e.g. concern around movement of tenants and potential divestment of state housing), support was noted for the proposed improvements to the natural environment (i.e. works associated with the infrastructure projects). No actions were therefore required to address concerns with the works that are the subject of this application.

Two comprehensive rounds of community engagement have been undertaken with the eastern Porirua community and stakeholders regarding the wider EPRP project (“Share Your Voice” in June-July 2019 and “Change is Coming” in Nov-Dec 2019). These engagement phases were in relation to the wider EPRP; the necessary improvements/upgrades to the development infrastructure in eastern Porirua was a key theme discussed with the community as part of these engagement phases. More than 2,300 people took part in the engagement, contributing over 5,000 ideas. This included residents, community and church leaders, school and college students, representatives from community groups, social services and business owners. The various engagement sessions and platforms are summarised below.

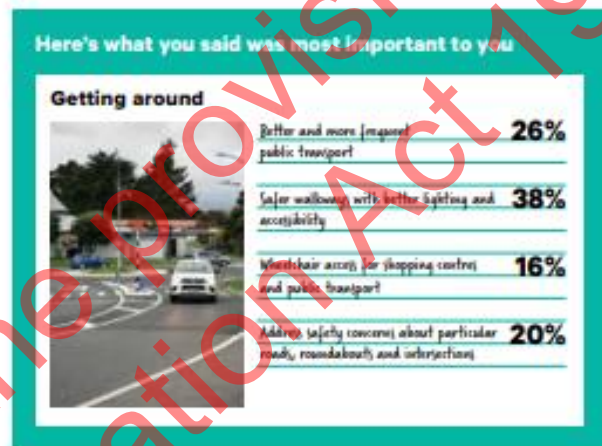
Date	Engagement	Specific session	Number of people participating
Nov-Dec	Change is Coming sessions	Waitangirua, Rānui, Cannons Creek, former refugee and new migrant community, accessibility, mātā waka, Cook Island, Samoan, Niue, Tuvalu Tonga, Tokelau, Fiji	364 residents attended + 40 organisations
Sept-Dec	Community Info Hub	Visits to the Community Info Hub	Over 150 visitors, 11 groups and one school visit
Dec	Social Pinpoint sessions	Porirua College in three sessions	45 students
Nov-Dec	Social Pinpoint	Online interactive map	640 people engaged, with 600 online responses
Nov-Dec	Social Pinpoint	Online surveys	122 survey responses
Nov	Social Pinpoint	Interactive map at Corinna School in nine sessions	90 students
Nov	Waitangirua market	Dots exercise	83 responses
Nov	Change is Coming sessions	Town centre walk and talks	11 residents
Sept	Community event	Opening of the Community Info Hub	70 residents
Aug	CAREERfest	Stall at CAREERfest – word cloud exercise	154 students from four colleges
June	Porirua College	Map exercise	100 students
June-July	Share Your Voice sessions	Rānui, Cannons Creek, Waitangirua, Ascot Park, former refugee and new migrant community, Porirua City Councillor workshop	340 residents attended
March-April	Ka Mua Ka Muri	Art workshops	120 children from five Cannons Creek schools

Most of the feedback received from the community can be attributed to the housing component of the wider project. Specific feedback from the community in relation to the proposed infrastructure upgrade and renewal works were limited – with any related feedback able to be characterised as being positive in nature. No concerns were raised with regard to the proposed infrastructure works required to enhance the environment and enable development works.

A comprehensive summary of feedback can be viewed in the publicly accessible community engagement report, which is also attached.

The feedback themes from community engagement are summarised below:

The percentages show the proportion of people commenting on the themes within each topic.



Ultimately, community engagement undertaken to-date has been comprehensive and has connected with a wide spectrum of participants and stakeholders. While infrastructure works have been discussed with the community, there has been no clear concern voiced with regard to this aspect of the project. No actions were therefore required to address concerns with the works that are the subject of this application.

Overall, there has consistently been general wide support from the community to get the infrastructure works underway (indeed, there is strong community support to get the wider project underway – i.e. the delivery of new housing etc). The community expectations of the project are high as a result of the extensive engagement to-date.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further clarification on the above, or any other matters relevant to the application.

Yours sincerely



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