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Tēnā koe Donna Flavell

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Ohinewai Foam Factory –  
Comments sought**

In the week commencing 31 August 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:

**Ohinewai Foam Factory**

This project involves the construction and operation of a foam factory and associated rail siding at 88 Lumsden Road, Ohinewai. This project represents the first two stages of Ambury Properties Limited's overall proposed development in Ohinewai, which involves further development of the factory and the construction of residential properties. The works associated with the project will occur in three phases, preparatory earthworks, factory construction and rail siding construction.

Waikato - Tainui have been identified as a party who has an interest in this project. Under delegated authority from the Minister for the Environment, I invite you to provide written comments on the proposed project pursuant to section 21(3) of the Act (a template is attached for this purpose). 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](mailto: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 iwi 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**

Enclosures:

- A. Application to refer Ohinewai Foam Factory project to an expert consenting panel including supporting information.
- B. Response template for written comments.
- cc Taroi Rawiri, RMA Contact