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Tēnā koe Sam Napia

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Rangitane Maritime Development – Comments sought

In the week commencing 5 April 2021, Far North District Council and Far North Holdings Limited applied to refer the Rangitane Maritime Development project (the Project) to an expert consenting panel (a panel) for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA). As the Project includes parts of the Coastal Marine Area (CMA), the Acting Minister of Conservation and I will jointly decide on the referral application.

The Project is described as follows, and a copy of the application is attached.

The Project is to construct a new public boat ramp facility via the reclamation of approximately 7,400 square metres of land within the CMA. The new facility will upgrade existing access and capacity at the site for (primarily) recreational users, and will comprise a double width boat ramp and central floating pontoon, sealed parking area, dinghy storage area, public walkway, picnic facilities and landscaping.

The Project site is located adjacent to Rangitane Loop Road, Kerikeri, and within the Rangitane Loop Road legal road reserve.

The Project will involve activities such as the following:

- a. vegetation clearance, including removal of mangroves in the CMA
- b. earthworks on land
- c. drainage and reclamation of parts of the foreshore and seabed
- d. excavation/dredging of the foreshore and seabed
- e. deposition of fill on the foreshore and seabed
- f. construction of structures in the CMA
- g. discharge of stormwater to the CMA
- h. construction of parking, walkway and picnic facilities, and landscaping.

The applicants are seeking land use consents and coastal permits under the Operative Far North District Plan, the Operative Regional Coastal Plan for Northland and the Proposed Regional Plan for Northland, to be determined for the Project through the fast-track process.

On behalf of myself and the Acting Minister of Conservation, I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application pursuant to section 21(3) of the FTCA. A template is attached for this purpose.

Please provide your comments via return email within 10 working days so that we can take them into consideration when deciding on whether or not to accept the application and refer the Project to a panel.

If you would like more information about the fast-track consenting process, or to discuss this application, please contact the Ministry for the Environment's fast-track consenting team at fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz to arrange an appointment.

Also note that if we decide to refer the Project to a panel there will be an opportunity for the iwi authority to nominate a representative to sit on this panel. At this stage, applicants will provide a detailed assessment of environmental effects along with their applications for the consents and approvals needed for the Project, and the iwi authority along with certain other specified groups will have the opportunity to provide further comments to a panel.

Nāku noa, nā



Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Enclosures:

- A. Application to refer the Rangitane Maritime Development project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information
- B. Response template for written comments

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