

BRF-2849

7 March 2023

ROOPU Whakarite Mahi Limited Partnership
c/- Stuart McDonnell
Manager Major Capital Projects, Drilling and Geothermal Reservoirs
Eastland Group Limited
Email: s 9(2)(a)

Dear Stuart McDonnell

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – request for further information
– Taheke Geothermal Project**

Thank you for your application to refer the Taheke Geothermal Project to an expert consenting panel for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA).

Under delegated authority from the Minister for the Environment (the Minister), I am writing to request the following further information under section 22 of the FTCA:

1. Information on whether any additional resource consents are required under the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020
2. Information on the instruments on the records of title in the project site, and whether you anticipate that any of these instruments will affect your ability to deliver the project
3. Information on whether the final design of the power station will trigger any additional reasons for resource consent, or whether the current list of rule triggers covers both options
4. Evidence that you have a legal right to access all of the land within the project site
5. Information on whether you anticipate the approval required from Rotorua Airport Limited under section 176 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) will affect your ability to deliver the project
6. Additional site layout plans clearing identifying the location of any natural wetlands and land identified as Land Use Capability Classification LUC2
7. An analysis of how the project aligns with the National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land 2022.

Please provide the required information via return email within 10 working days so that the Minister can take it into account when deciding whether to accept the referral application.

Please note the Minister is not required to consider information provided after this time but he may do so at his discretion. Please email any requests to extend the timeframes for providing information, together with reasons for the request, to fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz before the due date.

Yours sincerely



Madeleine Berry
Acting Manager, Fast-track Consenting Team