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Rei Kohere
Pōtikirua ki Whangaōkena Takutai Kaitiaki Trust
Email: s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Rei Kohere

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Te Araroa Barge Facility Project

Te Rimu Trust has applied to refer the Te Araroa Barge Facility Project (project) to an expert consenting panel (a panel) for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA). This letter is sent to you pursuant to section 21(3) of the FTCA.

The project is described in Appendix A and the application documents are in Attachment 1. As the project includes parts of the Coastal Marine Area, the Minister of Conservation (Hon Poto Williams) and I will jointly decide whether or not to accept the application.

Any applicants for customary marine title under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 may have an interest in the project. To assist us, Minister Williams and I invite written comments from Pōtikirua ki Whangaōkena Takutai Kaitiaki Trust on the referral application. A template is provided for this purpose in Attachment 2.

Please note the above information is provided to you in confidence and as part of the statutory process set out in the FTCA. Please do not forward the application or the request for comments to anyone outside your organisation.

If we accept the application and the project is referred to a panel there will be an opportunity for iwi authorities to nominate a representative to sit on this panel. At this stage, applicants will provide a detailed assessment of environmental effects and cultural impact assessments with their applications for the approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991 for the project. Iwi authorities along with certain other specified groups will have the opportunity to provide further comments to the panel.

Please provide comments via return email within 10 working days if you wish us to take them into consideration when making our decision.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker', is positioned above the printed name.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Appendix:

- A. Details of proposed project

Attachments:

1. Application to refer the Te Araroa Barge Facility Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)
2. Response template for written comments

Appendix A - Proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
Te Araroa Barge Facility	Te Rimu Trust	<p>The project is to construct and operate a barge facility at Te Araroa Road, Te Araroa, Gisborne for the primary purpose of facilitating transport of logs from the local forestry industry. The facility will include an excavated mooring basin, facilities for public recreation including water sports, a dredged access channel, two breakwaters (sea walls), boat ramp, boat moorings, rescue centre building, harbour control building, public toilet, and parking and hardstand areas.</p> <p>The project involves activities such as construction and operation of breakwaters, reclamation of and dredging in the CMA, construction of access roads, construction and operation of a public carpark and public amenity and ancillary buildings, construction and operation of a boat ramp, discharge of stormwater and contaminants to the CMA, earthworks and vegetation clearance in a natural wetland.</p>