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Dear Claire Steele

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – request for further information – Te Rere Hau Wind Farm Repowering

Thank you for your application to refer the Te Rere Hau Wind Farm Repowering 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. The application lists both regional and national jobs which will be created as a result of the project. Please confirm whether the national job figures include the local figures, or if the total jobs created will include both figures.
- 2. The shapefile provided includes Crown-owned land (mostly roads) and does not include six existing turbines, which are to the north of the identified project site. Please confirm the project scope, particularly whether these turbines will be removed as part of the project scope, and whether the project site includes Crown land.
- 3. Additional information on how you expect the project to pass the "gateway tests" in \$104D of the RMA.
- Do you anticipate being able to confirm which transmission line option will be utilised prior to project referral, or will both options needed to be included in the project scope?



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Please provide the required information via return email within 10 working days so that the Minister can take it into account in deciding whether or not to accept the referral application.

Yours sincerely

Stephanie Frame

Manager, Fast-track Consenting Team