



Comments on draft conditions for project under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024

State Highway 1 North Canterbury Woodend Bypass (Belfast to Pegasus)
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Introduction

1. The Panel has decided to grant an approval for State Highway 1 North Canterbury Woodend Bypass (Belfast to Pegasus) (project) to New Zealand Transport Agency (Applicant) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the FTA Act).
2. In accordance with section 70(1)(b) of the FTA Act, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) has been invited to comment on the draft conditions for the project.

Comments

3. HNZPT worked closely with the Applicant pre-lodgement and during the processing period to discuss conditions and requirements for the Archaeological Management Plan (AMP). These discussions are on-going in respect of the AMP which will need to be certified prior to any works commencing pursuant to the archaeological authority.
4. HNZPT has appreciated the time and effort of the Applicant to work together and reach an almost agreed set of conditions. There have been some matters arise following lodgement and the ongoing discussions and collaboration between the parties has resulted in a set of appropriate and effective conditions that will ensure that the archaeological works:
 - are undertaken in a culturally appropriate way; and
 - mitigate any adverse effects on the archaeological values; and
 - will allow for any information collected to be recorded in a report and accessible to other archaeologists and interested persons; and
 - can be monitored and measured to ensure ongoing compliance.
5. HNZPT has reviewed the draft conditions of the Panel and notes the addition of an Advice Note to record the expected timeframe in relation to providing feedback on the AMP, which is still to be certified. This is in place of the condition that was in contention between the parties with respect to “deemed certification”.



6. Based on HNZPT practice to respond well within a 30 working day time frame when considering and certifying a draft AMP, this advice note is an appropriate addition and HNZPT sees no issue with such an expectation.
7. As such, HNZPT has no additional comments to make in relation to the Panel's condition set.