



Fish and Game New Zealand Submission

Fast-track Consent Application – Woodend Bypass

To: The Expert Consenting Panel

Submitter: Fish and Game New Zealand

Application: Fast-track Consent Application – Woodend Bypass

Applicant: New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi

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on behalf of
Richie Cosgrove
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I confirm that I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 30B of the Resource Management Act 1991.

This submission is that: Fish and Game provides conditional support for the application, subject to consideration of the points identified in this submission.

Dated 4 May 2026

Fish & Game New Zealand

1. Fish and Game Councils are statutory bodies created under the Conservation Act 1987, responsible for managing and enhancing sports fish and game bird resources. Under sections 26C and 26Q of the Act, Fish and Game Councils represent the interests of anglers and hunters in statutory planning processes.

Effects on fishery values & access

2. Current plans show the new roading passing through the area north of Barkers Road, identified in the project as the “Quarry lakes”.
3. These Quarry lakes are gazetted as listed Coarse Fishing waters under the name “Gravel and Sands ponds”, pursuant to the Anglers Notice for Fish and Game Regions 2025. The ponds are one of seven listed coarse fishing waters in the North Canterbury Fish and Game region, where fishing for coarse fish is permitted.
4. Of the five species outlined in the Substantive Application Section 4.11.4.4, tench (*Tinca tinca*) and redfin perch (*Perca fluviatilis*) are both sports fish listed in Schedule 1 of the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983; as such, both species are managed by Fish & Game for recreational angling.
5. The NZ Freshwater Fish Database show both tench and perch have been present in the Gravel & Sands ponds site since 2001¹ and the southern lake in particular is utilised primarily by anglers targeting tench.
6. As the statutory managers of tench and perch, Fish and Game require that we be consulted prior to any actions taken regarding either of these species. This includes any salvage and relocation actions.
7. It is Fish and Game’s preference that tench and perch remain in the lakes, and access be maintained (or new access created to the parts of the Quarry Lakes owned by Waka Kotahi/NZTA), so that recreational angling opportunities are retained.
8. Tench, while predatory, primarily feed on invertebrates² (e.g., worms, insect larva and small molluscs) and aquatic plants. As such they are unlikely to be a predation threat to the common bully population present in the Quarry lakes.
9. Fish and Game support the removal of rudd (as they are not classed as a sports fish in the North Canterbury region), highlighted in the Ecological Impact Assessment Section 6.4.2.1.

¹ Stoffels, R (2022). New Zealand Freshwater Fish Database (extended). The National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA). Sampling event dataset <https://doi.org/10.15468/jbpw92> accessed via GBIF.org on 2026-04-29

² <https://niwa.co.nz/freshwater/nz-freshwater-fish-database/niwa-atlas-nz-freshwater-fishes/tench>

10. Fish & Game are open to discussions with Waka Kotahi/NZTA regarding this access and what mitigations Waka Kotahi/NZTA will carry out to provide for the loss of a recreational fishery if access is not to be maintained, or the removal of tench and perch is carried out.

Works in other watercourses

11. We accept the proposed consent conditions C2.8 for fish passage, in line with Regulation 70 of the NES-F and informed by NZFPG.
12. Fish & Game deem these guidelines especially important for works in the Cam River during key brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) spawning periods (May-September) to retain fish passage for migration to the North and South brooks in the upper Cam River catchment.
13. We accept the proposed resource consent conditions C1 in relation to erosion and sediment with there being an Erosion and Sediment Control Management Plan in place.