

Penny Nelson  
Director-General of Conservation  
Department of Conservation

Email: s 9(2)(a)

Dear Penny

**Request for report in relation to the use of Public Conservation Land under Section 19 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 for the Mill Road project (FTAA-2506-1079)**

An application has been received by the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister) from New Zealand Transport Agency (the applicant) for referral of the Mill Road project (the project) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) to the fast-track approvals process. Project summary details are in Appendix A.

The project area includes public conservation land (defined under the Act) and requires the following proposed approvals under specified Acts:

- Resource consents and designations (including changes) approvals under the Resource Management Act 1991
- Wildlife approval under the Wildlife Act 1953
- Archaeological approval under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014

Under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 19(1) of the Act, I am writing to request and obtain a report in relation to the use of public conservation land that is prepared by the Director-General of Conservation.

To assist you with this, I am providing the following context: the project area includes several reserves such as the St Johns Redoubt Historic Reserve and Totara Park. As a linear project area, there may be other reserves and reserve classifications (ie, local purpose) owned or administered by Auckland Council. There is a designation in place since 2016 (works yet to be constructed and approvals sought) and there is a link to a Listed Project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024. This referral application (Stage 1) relates to a 7-kilometre length of the overall 21 kilometres of road and seeks to enable staging of the project.

Of note, a Listed Project would not trigger a section 19 report, and the Panel Convener would be limited to the specified matters for reports sought under section 51 of the Act.

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As specified under Section 19 of the Act, the report must include the following:

1. the existing arrangements (whether formal or informal) for the administration, access to, or use of public conservation land within the project area.
2. advice on the risks to, and potential liabilities of, the Crown that relate to any proposed approvals of the kind described in [section 42\(4\)\(e\), \(f\), \(l\), or \(m\)](#) (concession, land exchange, or access arrangement).
3. if the referral application was required to include information under [paragraph \(q\) or \(r\) of section 13\(4\)](#), advice on the matters set out in the applicable paragraph.

Please note, as required under section 19(3), the report content related to the existing arrangements and advice on risks and liabilities must be prepared in consultation with every owner, administrator, or manager of the land who is not the Crown.

Please provide the section 19 report no later than **10 working days** from receipt of this letter. via the portal, or alternatively a template for the report is in Attachment 1. If you do not consider the report can be prepared by that date, please let us know via the contact details below.

If the Minister decides to accept the application and to refer the project, the applicant will need to complete any preliminary steps required under the Act and then lodge their substantive application for the approvals needed for the project. An expert panel will be appointed to decide the substantive application.

Before the due date, please email any queries about this letter to [referral@fasttrack.govt.nz](mailto:referral@fasttrack.govt.nz) and include the name of the Application Lead – Stephanie McNicholl. For assistance with the application portal, please email [contact@fasttrack.govt.nz](mailto:contact@fasttrack.govt.nz) or phone 0800 FASTRK (0800 327 875).

Yours sincerely



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Appendix A: Project summary details

Attachment 1: Template for report

cc: Jenni Fitzgerald (FT Manager) – [s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)

## Appendix A – Project summary details

Application number	FTAA-2506-1079
Project name	Mill Road Project Stage 1
Applicant name	New Zealand Transport Agency
Project summary details	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. This project is to undertake an infrastructure development upgrade of the transport corridor (approximately 7 kilometres in length) between the Redoubt Road interchange on State Highway 1 in Manukau to the Phillip Road intersection with Mill Road in Takanini, Auckland.</li><li>2. The project involves developing new roads, upgrading existing roads, some local road improvements, changing existing designations, and additional land acquisition to result in:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. an upgrade of the existing Mill Road to four lanes and associated local road connections</li><li>b. a westbound bus lane on Redoubt Road between Hollyford Drive and SH1</li><li>c. a new shared path active mode facility along Mill Road from the SH1/ Mill Road interchange to the intersection of Murphy's Road; and</li><li>d. an off-road active mode corridor using the old Mill Road alignment from the Murphy's Road intersection to Alfriston Road.</li></ol></li></ol>