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Minister of Conservation
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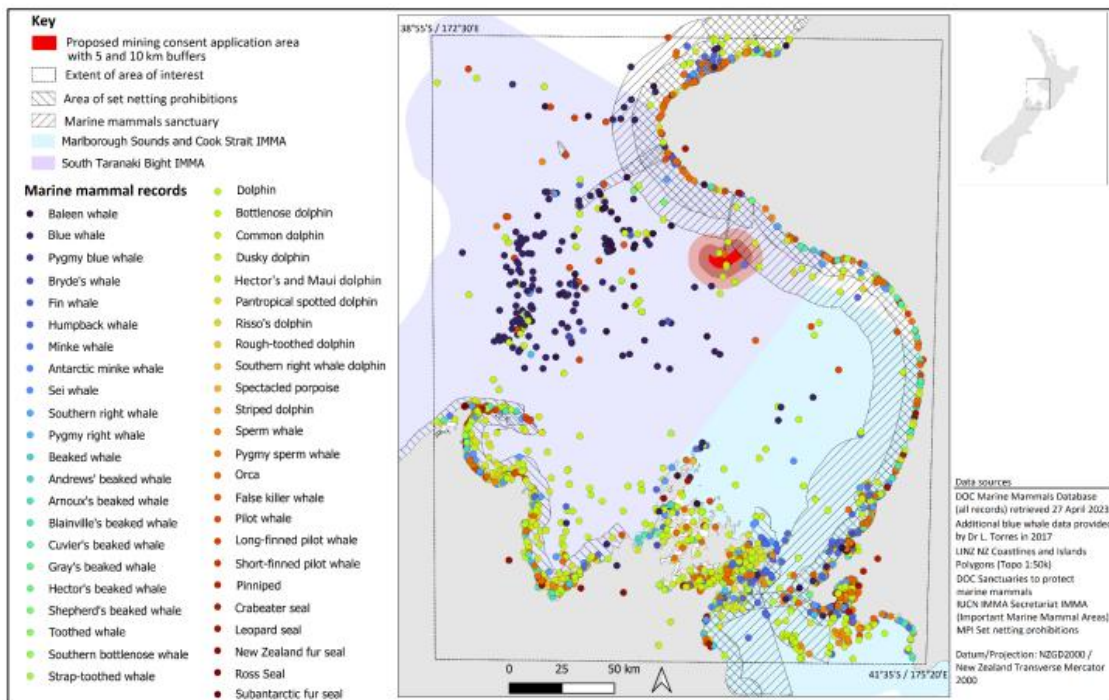
Tēnā koe

Request for information from party invited to comment in relation to the Taranaki VTM application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

The Taranaki VTM Expert Panel (the Panel) has directed the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to request further information from you under section 67 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act), relating to the Taranaki VTM application.

At the direction of the Panel, the EPA is seeking the following information:

1. marine mammals sighting and stranding records in the wider South Taranaki Bight as shown below (approximate spatial area, marine mammal information only).



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Supply of Information

In accordance with section 67(2) of the Act the Minister of Conservation must:

- a) Provide electronic copies of the information or report requested; or
- b) Advise the EPA, with reasons that you decline to provide the information or report requested.

Please provide the further information to the EPA by **28 November 2025**.

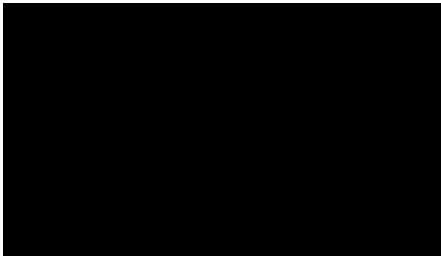
If the information requested is not received, the Panel must proceed as if the request for further information has been declined.

Please note, the information will be provided to the Panel, the applicant and every person who provided comments on the application. The information will also be made available on the Fast-track website.

The Panel understands that the Department of Conservation staff member responsible for providing this spatial information is [REDACTED]. This information is provided to support a timely processing of this request.

If you have any questions, please contact Application Lead, [REDACTED] by email at info@fasttrack.govt.nz

Nāku noa, nā



Application Lead