

Memorandum on Completeness and Scope

File	FTAA-2510-1125
Application	Mahinerangi Wind Farm
To	[REDACTED]
From	[REDACTED]
Date	24 November 2025
Subject	Assessment whether the application complies with section 46(2) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Purpose

1. The purpose of this memo is to assist you in making your decision on whether the Mahinerangi Wind Farm application, received by the Fast-track Team on 6/11/2025 lodged by Tararua Wind Power Limited complies with the requirements of section 46(2) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (**the Act**).

Decision-maker

2. You have delegated authority to make the decision under section 46 of the Act under the instrument of delegation dated 5 February 2025.

Conflict of interest

3. I confirm that I do not have any conflict of interest in this matter that would prevent me making this assessment.

The application

4. For projects listed in Schedule 2 of the Act and referred projects, authorised persons may lodge a substantive application for approvals available under the Act.
5. The Mahinerangi Wind Farm is a listed project.
6. The EPA received the substantive application for Mahinerangi Wind Farm on the 6th of November 2025 by Tararua Wind Power Limited. The EPA must, in consultation with the relevant administering

agencies and relevant consent authorities, decide whether this substantive application complies with section 46 of the Act by 27th of November 2025.

7. As set out in more detail below, the EPA must decide whether the application is complete and either:
 - provide the application to the Panel Convener for consideration and decision by the expert consenting panel (if complete and within scope); or
 - return it to the person who lodged it (if incomplete and not within scope).

Project and scope

8. The project as described in Schedule 2 of the Act as to: “Construct and operate approximately 44 additional wind turbines and connect and supply electricity to the national grid”.
9. The approximate geographical location is identified in Schedule 2 of the Act as: “Near Eldorado Track (connecting to Mahinerangi Road), 50 kilometres west of Dunedin and 5 kilometres north of Lake Mahinerangi”.
10. The application relates solely to the listed project because the application material describes construction of 44 wind turbines, and connecting those to the national grid. The material for the Mahinerangi Wind Farm is within scope of the project listed in Schedule 2 of the Act.

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Legislative context

11. The EPA must decide whether the substantive application complies with section 46(2) of the Act. A substantive application complies with section 46(2) of the Act, if the application:
 - complies with sections 42, 43 and 44;
 - relates solely to a listed project or a referred project;
 - the EPA considers that, on the face of the application, the project does not appear to involve an ineligible activity; and
 - any fee, charge, or levy payable under the Fast-track Approvals (Cost Recovery) Regulations 2025 (the Regulations) in respect of the application is paid.

Section 42 Requirements

12. Section 42 of the Act states that an authorised person may lodge a substantive application for one project or substantive applications for each stage of a project. Section 42(4) lists the approvals that may be sought under the Act.
13. This application has been lodged by Tararua Wind Power Limited. This person is an authorised person as listed at Schedule 2.

Section 43 Requirements

14. Section 43 of the Act sets out the requirements for a substantive application. A substantive application must be lodged in the form and manner approved by the EPA and must include the information listed in this section. Assessment of section 43 requirements is included at Appendix 1.

Section 44 Requirements

15. Section 44 of the Act requires that the information provided by the applicant under section 43 must be specified in sufficient detail to satisfy the purpose for which it is required. Assessment of section 44 sufficiency is included at Appendix 1.
16. In assessing the sufficiency of information provided by the applicant, we rely on the information provided to us through consultation with each relevant administering agency and consent authority, as summarised in Appendix 2.
17. As set out in more detail in Appendix 2, the agencies consulted have advised that the information required by section 44 is provided in **sufficient** detail to satisfy the purpose for which it is required.
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Ineligibility

19. The EPA needs to decide whether it considers that, on the face of the application, the project does not appear to involve an ineligible activity, as defined in section 5 of the Act. As the EPA has to consider this on the face of the application, the EPA is only able to consider information contained in the application materials.
20. The list of ineligible projects includes activities:
 - on land returned under a Treaty settlement, on identified Māori Land, on Māori customary land, on land set apart as Māori reservation, or in a customary marine title or protected customary rights area without written permission from the rights holder;
 - on Māori customary land, or land set apart as Māori reservation under Part 17 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993;
 - in a customary marine or protected customary rights area without written agreement from the rights holder/group;
 - within an aquaculture settlement area without the required authorisation;
 - activities that would be prevented under section 165J, 165M, 165Q, 165ZC, or 165ZDB of the RMA (which deal with occupation of space in the common marine and coastal area); or
 - that require permissions on national reserves held under the Reserves Act 1977 ; or
 - on land listed under clauses 1 to 11 or 14 of Schedule 4 of the Crown Minerals Act 1991 (and clauses 12 and 13 for mining activities).

I consider that on the face of the application the project does not appear to involve any ineligible activities.

Fees and levies

21. The EPA has received all fees, charges and levies payable by the applicant under the Regulations for the substantive application as follows:
22. Application fee in the sum of \$250,000 plus GST;
 - Levy in the sum of \$140,000 plus GST;

Consultation

23. We have consulted with and considered consultation responses from the following relevant administering agencies and relevant consent authorities:
 - with Clutha District, Dunedin District, and Otago regional Councils and the Ministry for the Environment for an approval described in section 42(4)(a) (resource consent) and section 42(4)(b) (change or cancellation of resource consent condition)
 - with the Department of Conservation for:
 - i. an approval described in section 42(4)(h) (Wildlife Act wildlife approval)
 - with Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga for an approval described in section 42(4)(i) (archaeological authority);
24. A summary of the consultation is included at Appendix 2.

Assessment of compliance for each section of each application form

25. We have assessed the application materials against the relevant checklists in the prescribed application form. Each assessment is contained within the appropriate approval checklist. These are included in Appendix 1 for ease of reference.
26. My view is that the application does comply with section 46 and the EPA may now notify the applicant of its decision.
27. The EPA must now decide whether the substantive application has a competing application under section 47(3) (under delegation from the Minister for Infrastructure under section 47(10)) within 10 working days from the date of the completeness decision.
28. Once the EPA has made the decision under section 47(3), the EPA can provide the application to the panel convener to commence consideration and decision of the application by the panel.

Appendix 1: Assessment of section 44 sufficiency

This application seeks the following approval(s) under the Act:

- A resource consent, change to or cancellation of a resource consent: **checklist A**
- A resource consent, change to or cancellation of a resource consent: **checklist A2 – freshwater fisheries activity.**
- A wildlife approval: **checklist E.**
- An archaeological approval: **checklist F.**
- Approval of person to carry out an activity under an Archaeological Authority: **checklist F1.**
- Information requirements for all applications **checklist J.**

CHECKLIST A – Resource consent, change to or cancellation of a resource consent

Clause, Schedule 5	Information required for an approval described in section 42(4)(a) (resource consent) and/or section 42(4)(b) (change or cancellation of resource consent), Clauses 5-8 of Schedule 5	Application Reference	EPA
5(1)(a)	A description of the proposed activity	5(1)(a) A description of the proposed activity Part A - Substantive Application Report - A.05 (Description of the Project) – Sections 5 (page: 38-62).	Complies. As referenced.
5(1)(b)	A description and map of the site at which the activity is to occur, including whether the site is within or adjacent to— (i) a statutory area (as defined in the relevant Treaty settlement Act); or (ii) ngā rohe moana o ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou (as defined in section 11 of the Ngā Rohe Moana o Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Porou Act 2019); or (iii) a protected customary rights area under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.03 (Introduction) – Section 3.1, Figure 3.1 and 3.2 (page: 1-3). G.01 – Puke Kapo	Complies. The wind farm site is within the area of interest for Ngāi Tahu iwi (as provided in the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998). SCHEDULE 6.10. Of the Clutha district plan sets out the NGAI TAHU CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT 1998 - statutory acknowledgement of areas of

		<p>Hau Maps (2025). Clause 5(1)(b)(i) - The site is not within or adjacent to any statutory area. Clause 5(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) - N/A.</p>	<p>special significance Te Runanga O Ngai Tahu.</p> <p>The site is not within or adjacent to a statutory acknowledge area.</p> <p>The site is not within ngā rohe moana o ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou (as defined in section 11 of the Ngā Rohe Moana o Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Porou Act 2019) or a protected customary rights area under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011.</p>
5(1)(c)	<p>Confirmation that the consent application complies with section 46(2)(a), (b), and (d); being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • section 42; and • sections 43 and 44; and • relates solely to a listed project or a referred project; and • any fee, charge, or levy payable under regulations in respect of the application is paid. 	<p>Regarding s46(2)(a) - the proposal is not an ineligible activity (Section 3.3.2 (page 6), it is a listed project (Mahinerangi Wind Farm) and complies with s42 (i.e. person</p>	<p>Complies. As referenced.</p>

		<p>applying is eligible to do so). The proposal also complies with s43 in terms of information requirements (Refer Part A Schedule A) and complies with s44 in terms of information being sufficiently detailed (Refer Part A Schedule A). Regarding s46(2)(b) - the project relates to a listed project (Mahinerangi Wind Farm).</p>	
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		<p>Regarding s46(2)(c) – the proposal is not an ineligible activity (Section 3.3.2 (page 6)).</p> <p>Regarding s46(2)(d) – TWP will pay the required application fee.</p>	
5(1)(d) and 5(6)	<p>The full name and address of—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) each owner of the site and of land adjacent to the site; and (ii) each occupier of the site and of land adjacent to the site whom the applicant is unable to identify after reasonable inquiry; <p>If the applicant is not able to supply the name and address of the owner and each occupier of the site and of land adjacent to the site because the land is Māori land in multiple ownership,</p>	<p>The land required for the project and respective landowner information is set out in Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.03</p>	<p>Complies.</p> <p>Page 8 of Substantive Application Report - A.03.</p> <p>There appears to be no land classified as Māori land in multiple ownership.</p>

	the applicant must include a statement to that effect (clause 5(6)).	(Introduction), Section 3.4.1 (page: 6-7) and A.04 (Environmental Setting), Section 4.3.1 (page: 14-18).	
5(1)(e)	A description of any other activities that are part of the proposal to which the consent application relates	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.05 (Description of the Project), Section 5 (page: 38-62). Part D – RMA Rules Assessment and Objectives and Policies - D.01 confirms that all necessary consents are	Complies. As referenced.

		being sought for the Project.	
5(1)(f)	A description of any other resource consents, notices of requirement for designations, or alterations to designations required for the project to which the consent application relates	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.05 (Description of the Project), Section 5 (page: 38-62). Part D – RMA Rules Assessment and Objectives and Policies, D.01 confirms that all necessary consents are being sought for the Project.	Complies. As referenced.
5(1)(g)	An assessment of the activity against sections 5, 6 and 7 of the Resource Management Act 1991	Part A – Substantive	Complies. As referenced.

		Application Report - A.09 (Statutory Assessment), Section 9.2 (page: 176-179).	
5(1)(h) (and also clauses 5(2) and 5(3))	<p>An assessment of the activity against any relevant provisions in any of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a national environmental standard; • other regulations made under the Resource Management Act 1991; • a national policy statement; • a New Zealand coastal policy statement; • a regional policy statement or proposed regional policy statement; • a plan or proposed plan; • a planning document recognised by a relevant iwi authority and lodged with a local authority. <p>This assessment must include an assessment of the activity against the requirements set out in clause 5(3) of Schedule 5 being:</p>	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.09 (Statutory Assessment), Section 9.5 (page: 186-223). Part D – RMA Rules Assessment and Objectives and Policies - Refer to Part D.02.	<p>Complies. As referenced.</p> <p>Kai Tahu ki Otago Natural Resource Management Plan 2005 is assessed on page 219 as the planning document recognised by a relevant iwi authority and lodged with a local authority.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> any relevant objectives, policies or rules in the documents listed; and any requirement, condition, or permission in any rules in any of those documents; and any other requirements in any of those documents. 		
5(1)(i)	<p>Information about any Treaty settlements that apply in the area covered by the consent application, including—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) identification of the relevant provisions in those Treaty settlements; and (ii) a summary of any redress provided by those settlements that affects natural and physical resources relevant to the project or project area 	<p>Part A – Substantive Application Report – A.04 (Environmental Setting) Section 4.13 (page 37 - 38)</p> <p>A.12 (Approvals Relating to the Wildlife Act 1953), Section 12.14.1 (page: 335)</p>	<p>Complies as referenced. Information is provided but no further assessment.</p> <p>Substantive Application Report – A.04 (Environmental Setting) Section 4.13 (page 37 -38)</p> <p>The Kārearea (NZ Falcon) is identified in Schedule 97 of the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 as a taonga species, acknowledging Ngāi Tahu's special cultural, spiritual, historic, and traditional association with this taonga.</p> <p>Cultural values associated with waterbodies located within the wind farm site are identified in the Regional Plan: Water for Otago. Lee Stream (where a culvert is proposed within a tributary) is</p>

			identified as a water body with cultural values for Ngāi Tahu. Effects on the ecological values of these waterbodies have been assessed as part of SLR (2025) in Part B.06 and B.07. No cultural impact assessment.
5(1)(j)	A list of any relevant customary marine title groups, protected customary rights groups, ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou (where an application is within, adjacent to or directly affecting ngā rohe moana o ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou), or applicants under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011;	N/A – Not relevant to this application.	Complies as referenced.
5(1)(k)	The conditions that the applicant proposes for the resource consent.	Part E – Proposed Approval Conditions	Complies as referenced. A.11 contains Draft Archaeological Authority and Conditions At Para 11.11 A.12 contains Proposed Wildlife Approval Conditions at attachment 1.
5(1)(l)	if a notice under section 30(3)(b) or (5) has been received,— (i) a copy of that notice showing that it was received within the time frame specified in section 30(6)(b); and	Part G – Project Maps and Appendices - G.05 –	Complies as referenced.

	(ii) if a notice has been received under section 30(5), any more up-to-date information that the applicant is aware of about the existing resource consent referred to in the notice.	Administering Agencies' Response Letters	
5(4)(a)	An assessment of the activity's effects on the environment that includes the information required by clause 6.	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.07 (Assessment of Environmental Effects)	Complies as referenced.
5(4)(b)	An assessment of the activity's effects on the environment that covers the matters specified in clause 7.	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.07 (Assessment of Environmental Effects)	Complies as referenced.
6	(1) The assessment of an activity's effects on the environment must include the following information:	a): Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.07	Complies as referenced.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) an assessment of the actual or potential effects on the environment: (b) if the activity includes the use of hazardous installations, an assessment of any risks to the environment that are likely to arise from such use: (c) if the activity includes the discharge of any contaminant, a description of— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the nature of the discharge and the sensitivity of the receiving environment to adverse effects; and (ii) any possible alternative methods of discharge, including discharge into any other receiving environment: (d) a description of the mitigation measures (including safeguards and contingency plans where relevant) to be undertaken to help prevent or reduce the actual or potential effect of the activity: (e) identification of persons who may be affected by the activity and any response to the views of any persons consulted, including the views of iwi or hapū that have been consulted in relation to the proposal: (f) if iwi or hapū elect not to respond when consulted on the proposal, any reasons that they have specified for that decision: 	<p>(Assessment of Environmental Effects), Section 7 (page: 75-154) and related technical reports (Part B) and management and monitoring plans (Part C). (b): Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.07 (Assessment of Environmental Effects), Section 7.11.2 (Effects of Hazardous Installations and Hazardous Substances (page: 131-132).</p>	<p>Environmental effects of Stage 2 of Puke Kapo Hau considered are in Substantive Application Report - A.07:</p> <p>Section 7.2 Positive effects</p> <p>Section 7.3 Landscape, natural character and visual effects</p> <p>Section 7.4 Effects from shadow flicker and blade glint</p> <p>Section 7.5 Noise effects</p> <p>Section 7.6 Avifauna effects</p> <p>Section 7.7 Terrestrial ecology effects</p> <p>Section 7.8 Natural inland wetland effects</p> <p>Section 7.9 Aquatic ecology effects</p> <p>Section 7.10 Stormwater discharge, erosion and sedimentation effects</p>
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<p>(g) if the scale and significance of the activity's effects are such that monitoring is required, a description of how the effects will be monitored and by whom, if the activity is approved:</p> <p>(h) an assessment of any effects of the activity on the exercise of a protected customary right.</p>	<p>(c): Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.07 (Assessment of Environmental Effects), Section 7.11.2 Hazardous Installations and Hazardous Substances (page: 131-132) and A.09 (Statutory Assessment), Section 9.4.3 (Section 105 – Matters Relevant to Discharge Applications) (page: 183). (d): Part A –</p>	<p>Section 7.11 Other construction and operational effects</p> <p>Section 7.12 Traffic effects</p> <p>Section 7.13 Heritage effects</p> <p>Section 7.14 Cultural effects</p> <p>Section 7.15 Aviation effects</p> <p>Section 7.16 Climate change effects</p> <p>Section 7.17 Natural hazard effects</p> <p>Section 7.18 Conclusion</p> <p>Section 7.19 Management and monitoring measures proposed</p>
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		<p>Substantive Application Report - A.07 (Assessment of Environmental Effects) - Section 7.19 (Management and Monitoring Measures Proposed) (page: 144 to 154). (e): Part A - Substantive Application Report - A.10 (Consultation and Engagement), Table 10.1 (page: 239-299). (f): Part A - Substantive</p>	
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		<p>Application Report - A.10 (Consultation and Engagement), Section 10.3 (page: 232-235). (g): Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.07, Section 7.19 (Management and Monitoring Measures Proposed) (page 144 -154). Part C (Monitoring and Management Plans) and Part E – Proposed Approval</p>	
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		Conditions. (h): NA.	
7	<p>The assessment of an activity's effects on the environment must cover the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any effect on the people in the neighbourhood and, if relevant, the wider community, including any social, economic, or cultural effects: (b) any physical effect on the locality, including landscape and visual effects: (c) any effect on ecosystems, including effects on plants or animals and physical disturbance of habitats in the vicinity: (d) any effect on natural and physical resources that have aesthetic, recreational, scientific, historical, spiritual, or cultural value, or other special value, for present or future generations: (e) any discharge of contaminants into the environment and options for the treatment and disposal of contaminants: (f) any unreasonable emission of noise: (g) any risk to the neighbourhood, the wider community, or the environment through natural hazards or hazardous installations. 	<p>(a), A.07 (Assessment of Environmental Effects): (a):Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.07 (Assessment of Environmental Effects): Section 7.2 - Positive effects (page: 76-77); Section 7.5 – Noise effects (page: 87-89); Section 7.11 – Other construction and operational</p>	Complies as referenced.

		<p>effects (page: 130-134); Section 7.12 - Traffic effects (page:134-138); Section 7.3 - Landscape, natural character and visual effects (page: 77-86); Section 7.4 - Effects from shadow flicker and blade glint (page: 86-87); Section 7.14 - Cultural effects (page: 139-141). (b): Part A - Substantive Application Report - A.07</p>	
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		<p>(Assessment of Environmental Effects): Section 7.3 – Landscape, natural character and visual effects (page: 77-86); and Section 7.4 – Effects from shadow flicker and blade glint (page: 86-87). Part B – Technical Reports: B.02 – Isthmus (2025) – Landscape and Visual Effects Assessment and B.03 – DNV (2025) – Shadow Flicker and Blade</p>	
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		<p>Glint Assessment.</p> <p>(c): Part A - Substantive Application Report - A.07 (Assessment of Environmental Effects):</p> <p>Sections 7.6 - 7.10 (page: 89 - 126) as they relate to ecological effects. Part B - Technical Reports: B.05 to B.09 as they relate to ecological effects.</p> <p>(d): - See answer to (c) and Part A</p>	
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		<p>- Substantive Application: A.07 (Assessment of Environmental Effects); Section 7.15 - Cultural effects (page: 139-141); Section 7.14 - Heritage effects (page: 138-139); Section 7.3 - Landscape, natural character and visual effects (page: 77-86). Part B - Technical Reports: B.05 to B.09 as they relate to ecological</p>	
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		<p>effects; B.02 – Isthmus (2025) – Landscape and Visual Effects Assessment and B.013 – Clough & Associates (2025) – Archaeological Assessment.</p> <p>(e): Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.07 (Assessment of Environmental Effects): Section 7.10 – Stormwater discharge, erosion and sedimentation effects (page:</p>	
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		<p>126-130); Section 7.11 - Other construction and operational effects (page: 130-134). (f): Part A - Substantive Application Report - A.07 (Assessment of Environmental Effects): Section 7.5 - Noise effects (page: 87- 89); and Part B - Technical Reports: B.04 - Marshall Day (2025) - Noise Effects Assessment.</p>	
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		<p>(g): Part A – Substantive Application Report – A.07 (Assessment of Environmental Effects): Sections 7.11.2 (page: 131-132) regarding hazardous installations; Section 7.17 (page: 142-143) regarding natural hazard risks and natural hazard effects management.</p>	
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5(5)(a)	If a permitted activity is part of the proposal to which the consent application relates, a description that demonstrates that the activity complies with the requirements, conditions, and permissions for the permitted activity (so that a resource consent is not required for that activity under section 87A(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991)	Part D – RMA Rules Assessment and Objectives and Policies - D.01 (RMA Rules Assessment) includes permitted activities.	Complies as referenced.
5(5)(b)	If the activity is to occur in an area that is within the scope of a planning document prepared by a customary marine title group under section 85 of the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 or the environmental covenant prepared by ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou under section 19 of the Ngā Rohe Moana o Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Porou Act 2019, an assessment of the activity against any resource management matters set out in that document	N/A to this application.	N/A confirmed
5(5)(c)	If the activity is to occur in an area that is taiāpure-local fishery, a mātaihai reserve, or an area that is subject to bylaws made under Part 9 of the Fisheries Act 1996, an assessment of the effects of the activity on the use or management of the area.	N/A to this application.	N/A confirmed

CHECKLIST A2 – Application including standard freshwater fisheries activity checklist

Clause, Schedule 9	Information required for a consent application that includes a standard freshwater fisheries activity	Application Reference	EPA
3(a)	in relation to the structure and any fish facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a description of the type of structure or fish facility: (ii) the dimensions of the structure or fish facility: (iii) the design of the structure or fish facility: (iv) the placement of the structure or fish facility: (v) the water flows: (vi) the operating regime 	Part B - Final Technical Assessments - B.11(Civil Engineering Assessment) Section 5.3 - 5.12 pages 41-53	Complies as referenced. In particular 5.6 Fish Passage Design Criteria
3(b)	the freshwater species and values present (with particular focus on threatened, data-deficient, and at-risk species as defined in the New Zealand Threat Classification System)	Part B - Final Technical Assessments - B.07(SLR Aquatic (2025) - Ecological Assessment - Aquatic Ecology Section 4.3.2	Complies as referenced.

		pages 29-32 and Section 4.4 pages 32-38	
3(c)	the water quality and quantity in the surrounding habitat (at the proposed structure location, upstream and downstream)	Part B - Final Technical Assessments - B.07(SLR Aquatic (2025) - Ecological Assessment - Aquatic Ecology Section 4.2 pages 26-28	Complies as referenced.
3(d)	how the passage of fish will be provided for or impeded	Part B - Final Technical Assessments - B.11(Civil Engineering Assessment) Section 5.10 pages 49-53 Part B - Final Technical Assessments -	Complies as referenced.

		B.07(SLR Aquatic (2025) - Ecological Assessment - Aquatic Ecology Section 5.8.2 page 45	
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CHECKLIST E – Wildlife approval

Clause, Schedule 7	Information required for an approval described in section 42(4)(h) (Wildlife Act approval), clause 2 of Schedule 7	Application Reference	EPA
2(1)(a)	Specify the purpose of the proposed activity	Part A – Substantive Application Report – A.12 (Approvals Relating to the Wildlife Act 1953) - Section 12.4 (page: 317-318).	Complies as referenced. Lizards and Avifauna A.12 (pgs 3-4) Lizards B.15 (pg 6) Avifauna B.14 (pgs 8-9) In relation to invertebrates, DOC notified the applicant that approval will be required should any absolutely protected invertebrate species likely be incidentally killed,

			<p>captured, handled or relocated. The applicant has confirmed (A.12 pg 22) that while the surveys undertaken identified a total of 924 invertebrate taxa, no species listed in Schedule 7 of the Wildlife Act 1953 were discovered. Consequently, the applicant considers it highly unlikely any Schedule 7 species are present within the project area and does not consider it necessary to obtain wildlife approval</p>
2(1)(b)	Identify the actions the applicant wishes to carry out involving protected wildlife and where they will be carried out (whether on or off public conservation land)	Part A – Substantive Application Report – A.12 (Approvals Relating to the Wildlife Act 1953) - Section 12.5 (page: 320) and Section 12, Attachment 1 (page: 343-344)	Complies as referenced for lizards and avifauna.

2(1)(c)	An assessment of the activity and its impacts against the purpose of the Wildlife Act	Part A – Substantive Application Report – A.12 (Approvals Relating to the Wildlife Act 1953) - Section 12.6 (page: 320-321).	Complies as referenced for lizards and avifauna.
2(1)(d)	List protected wildlife species known or predicted to be in the area and, where possible, the numbers of wildlife present and numbers likely to be impacted	Part A – Substantive Application Report – A.12 (Approvals Relating to the Wildlife Act 1953) - Section 12.7 (page: 322-326).	Complies for lizards and avifauna: Lizards A.12 (pg 10) B.08 (pgs 31-46) B.15 (pgs 10-11) Avifauna A.12 (pg 8) B.05 (pgs 39-43, 55- 60, 83, 88) B.14 (pg 13) C.15 (pgs 29-44)
2(1)(e)	An outline of impacts on threatened, data deficient, and at-risk wildlife species (as defined in the New Zealand Threat Classification System)	Part A – Substantive Application Report – A.12 (Approvals Relating to the Wildlife Act 1953) - Section 12.7 (page: 322-326).	Complies for lizards and avifauna: Lizards and Avifauna A.12 (pgs 8-12) Lizards B.08 (pgs 51-55) B.15 (pgs 11-13)

2(1)(f)	A statement of how the methods proposed to be used to conduct the actions involving protected wildlife will ensure that best practice standards are met	Part A – Substantive Application Report – A.12 (Approvals Relating to the Wildlife Act 1953) - Section 12.7 (page: 322-326).	Complies as referenced for lizards and avifauna.
2(1)(g)	A description of the methods to be used to safely, efficiently, and humanely catch, hold, or kill the animals and identify relevant animal ethics processes:	Part A – Substantive Application Report – A.12 (Approvals Relating to the Wildlife Act 1953) - Section 12.8 (page: 326-329).	Complies as referenced for lizards and avifauna.
2(1)(h)	A statement of the location or locations in which the activity will be carried out, including a map (and GPS co-ordinates if available)	Part A – Substantive Application Report – A.12 (Approvals Relating to the Wildlife Act 1953) - Section 12.9 (page: 329-331)	Complies as referenced for lizards and avifauna. No GPS co-ordinates.
2(1)(i)	A statement of whether authorisation is sought to temporarily hold or relocate wildlife	Part A – Substantive Application Report –	Complies as referenced for lizards and avifauna.

		A.12 (Approvals Relating to the Wildlife Act 1953) - Section 12.10 (page: 331).	Authorisation is being sought to temporarily hold or relocate lizards. Falcon will be released immediately following fitting of an identification band and GPS transmitter.
2(1)(j)	A list of all actual and potential wildlife effects (adverse or positive) of the proposed activity, including effects on the target species, other indigenous species, and the ecosystems at the site	Part A – Substantive Application Report – A.12 (Approvals Relating to the Wildlife Act 1953) - Section 12.11 (page: 331-333).	Complies as referenced for lizards and avifauna.
2(1)(k)	Where adverse effects are identified, state what methods will be used to avoid and minimise those effects, and any offsetting or compensation proposed to address unmitigated adverse effects (including steps taken before the project begins, such as surveying, salvaging, and relocating protected wildlife)	Part A – Substantive Application Report – A.12 (Approvals Relating to the Wildlife Act 1953) - Section 12.12 (page: 333-335).	Complies as referenced for lizards and avifauna.
2(1)(l)	A statement of whether the applicant or any company director, trustee, partner, or anyone else involved with the application has been convicted of any offence under the Wildlife Act	Part A – Substantive Application Report – A.12 (Approvals Relating to the Wildlife Act 1953) -	Complies as referenced for lizards and avifauna.

		Section 12.13 (page: 335).	
2(1)(m)	A statement of whether the applicant or any company director, trustee, partner, or anyone else involved with the application has any current criminal charges under the Wildlife Act pending before a court	Part A – Substantive Application Report – A.12 (Approvals Relating to the Wildlife Act 1953) - Section 12.13 (page: 335).	Complies as referenced for lizards and avifauna.
2(1)(n)	Provision of proof and details of all consultation, including with hapū or iwi, on the application specific to wildlife impacts	Part A – Substantive Application Report – A.12 (Approvals Relating to the Wildlife Act 1953) - Section 12.14 (page: 335-338).	Complies. Detail of the engagement timeline with Ōtākou Runaka is within section 10.3 of Part A.10 of the AEE. There is additional detail in table 10.4 of the same Part A.10. The applicant has provided information relating to the engagement that has been carried out with DOC which includes sharing of technical reports and a

			joint site visit. The information included appears to align with DOC's view on the engagement process.
2(1)(o)	Provision of any additional written expert views, advice, or opinions the applicant has obtained concerning their proposal	Part A – Substantive Application Report – A.12 (Approvals Relating to the Wildlife Act 1953) - Section 12.15 (page: 338). Part B – Technical Reports - B.08 – Blueprint (2025) - Lizard Assessment and B.05 – Boffa Miskell (2025) - Avifauna Assessment. Part C – Management and Monitoring Plans - C.15 – Blueprint (2025) - Lizard Management Plan and C.14 – Boffa	Complies.

		Miskell (2025) - Avifauna Management Plan.	
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CHECKLIST F – Archaeological authority

Clause, Schedule 8	Information required for an approval described in section 43(3)(i) Archaeological Authority	Application Reference	EPA
2(1)(a)	a legal description of the land or, if one is not available, a description that is sufficient to identify the land to which the application relates	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.11 (Approvals Relating to the NZPTA 2014): Section 11.5 (page: 301).	Complies as referenced.
2(1)(b)	the name of the owner of the relevant land, if the applicant is not the owner of the land	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.11 (Approvals Relating to the NZPTA 2014):	Complies as referenced.

		Section 11.5 (page: 301-302).	
2(1)(c)	proof of consent, if the owner of the relevant land has consented to the proposed activity	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.11 (Approvals Relating to the NZPTA 2014): Section 11.5 (page: 302).	Complies. No approvals currently. The applicant will supply confirmation of landowner consent to HNZPT at least one month prior to the commencement of construction.
2(1)(d)	confirmation that the application complies with section 42 , 43, and 44 of the Act	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.11 (Approvals Relating to the NZPTA 2014): Section 11.5 (page: 302).	Complies as referenced.
	confirmation that the application relates solely to a listed project or a referred project	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.11 (Approvals Relating to the NZPTA 2014): Section 11.5 (page: 302).	Complies as referenced.

	any fee, charge, or levy payable under regulations in respect of the application is paid.	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.11 (Approvals Relating to the NZPTA 2014): Section 11.5 (page: 302).	Complies as referenced.
2(1)(e)	a description of each archaeological site to which the application relates and the location of each site	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.11 (Approvals Relating to the NZPTA 2014): Section 11.5 (page: 302-303)	Complies as referenced.
2(1)(f)	a description of the activity for which the authority is sought	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.11 (Approvals Relating to the NZPTA 2014): Section 11.5 (page: 303)	Complies as referenced.
2(1)(g)	a description of how the proposed activity will modify or destroy each archaeological site	Part A – Substantive Application Report -	Complies as referenced.

		A.11 (Approvals Relating to the NZPTA 2014): Section 11.5 (page: 303-304)	
2(1)(h)	<p>except in the case of an approval described in section 44(b) of the HNZPT Act, an assessment of—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the archaeological, Māori, and other relevant values of the archaeological site in the detail that is appropriate to the scale and significance of the proposed activity and the proposed modification or destruction of the archaeological site; and (ii) the effect of the proposed activity on those values 	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.11 (Approvals Relating to the NZPTA 2014): Section 11.6 (page: 304-305)	Complies as referenced.
2(1)(i)	<p>a statement as to whether consultation with tangata whenua, the owner of the relevant land (if the applicant is not the owner), or any other person likely to be affected—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) has taken place, with details of the consultation, including the names of the parties and the tenor of the views expressed; or (ii) has not taken place or been completed, with the reasons why consultation has not occurred or been completed (as applicable). 	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.11 (Approvals Relating to the NZPTA 2014): Section 11.8 (page: 306-307)	<p>Complies:</p> <p>TWP has engaged with Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou. Through hui so far, Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou have expressed that natural and physical resources provide mauri and mana relating to climate, topography, geology, soils, freshwater vegetation, wetlands, and associated fauna. These resources have and continue to</p>

			support the lifestyles of Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou, who are intimately connected to the natural and physical resources via whakapapa. TWP continues to work closely with Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou.
	Additional information applicants may include in their application for an approval described in section 43(3)(i) Archaeological Authority	Application Reference	
	Have any archaeological authorities been granted for this location in the past?	N/A	No assessment necessary
	Identification of the relevant planning overlays, i.e. are there any relevant Heritage or QEII covenants or Heritage Orders, District Plan schedules, New Zealand Heritage list/Rārangi Kōrero entries?	Part G - Projects Maps and Appendices - G.9 - QEII Covenant	No assessment necessary

CHECKLIST F1 – Archaeological authority: Approval for person to carry out activity

Clause 7(5),	Information required for an approval described in clauses 7(1) and (2)(b) (approval of person to carry out activity)	Application Reference	EPA
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Schedule 8			
(a)	Evidence that the person carrying out the activity under an authority has sufficient skill and competency, is fully capable of ensuring that the proposed activity is carried out to the satisfaction of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, and has access to appropriate institutional and professional support and resources	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.11 (Approvals Relating to the NZPTA 2014): Section 11.9 (page: 307-308) and Section 11, Attachment 2 (page: 313-314)	Complies: Attachment 2 – Person to Carry out an Activity under this Authority pursuant to Schedule 8, Clause 7 of the FTAA
(b)(i)	In the case of a site of interest to Māori, evidence that the person carrying out the activity under an authority has the requisite competencies for recognising and respecting Māori values	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.11 (Approvals Relating to the NZPTA 2014): Section 11, Attachment 2 (page: 313-314)	Complies. See Consultation from HNZPT.
(b)(ii)	In the case of a site of interest to Māori, evidence that the person carrying out the activity under an authority has access to appropriate cultural support	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.11 (Approvals Relating to the NZPTA 2014):	

		Section 11, Attachment 2 (page: 313-314)	
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CHECKLIST J – Listed project information requirements

Section, Fast-track Approvals Act	Information required for a substantive application under section 43(2) and section 13(4)	Application Reference	EPA (office use only)
13(4)(a)	a description of the project and the activities it involves	Part A - Substantive Application Report – A.05 (Description of the Project) – Section 5 (page: 38- 62)	Complies as referenced.
13(4)(c)	information to demonstrate that the project does not involve any ineligible activities (other than activities that may be the subject of a determination under section 23 or 24)	Part A - Substantive Application Report - A.03 (Introduction) – Section 3.3.2 (page 6).	Complies as referenced.

13(4)(d)	a description or map of the whole project area that identifies its boundaries in sufficient detail to enable consideration of the referral application	Part A - Substantive Application Report - A.03 (Introduction) - Section 3.1, Figure 3.1 and Figure 3.2 (page: 1-3) Part G - Project Maps and Appendices - G.01 - Puke Kapo Hau Maps (2025).	Listed project.
13(4)(e)	the anticipated commencement and completion dates for construction activities (where relevant)	Part A - Substantive Application Report - A.05 - Description of the Project - Refer to Section 5.5 (Staging and Timeframes of Construction Activities) (page: 60-62)	Complies as referenced. Staged 1-7 over 24 months.
13(4)(f)(i)	a statement of whether the project is planned to proceed in stages and, if so an outline of the nature and timing of the stages	Part A - Substantive Application Report - A.05 - Description of the Project - Refer to	Complies as referenced. Staged 1-7 over 24 months.

		Section 5.5 (Staging and Timeframes of Construction Activities) (page: 60-62)	
13(4)(h)	a description of the anticipated and known adverse effects of the project on the environment	Part A - Substantive Application Report - A.07 (Assessment of Environmental Effects) - Section 7 (page: 75-154)	Complies as referenced.
13(4)(i)	a statement of any activities involved in the project that are prohibited activities under the Resource Management Act 1991	The construction, operation and maintenance of the project do not involve any activities that would otherwise be prohibited activities under the RMA.	Complies.
13(4)(j)	a list of the persons and groups the applicant considers are likely to be affected by the project, including— (i) relevant local authorities:	Part A - Substantive Application Report - A.10 (Consultation and Engagement) -	Complies as referenced.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) iwi authorities and groups that represent hapū that are parties to relevant Mana Whakahono ā Rohe or joint management agreements: (iii) other relevant iwi authorities: (iv) relevant Treaty settlement entities: (v) relevant protected customary rights groups and customary marine title groups: (vi) ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou, if the project area is within or adjacent to, or the project would directly affect, ngā rohe moana o ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou: (vii) relevant applicant groups under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011: (viii) persons with a registered interest in land that may need to be acquired under the Public Works Act 1981: 	<p>(i) Section 10.2.2 (Otago Regional Council) (page: 226-228); and Section 10.2.3 (Clutha District Council) (page: 228-230); (ii)-(iv) Section 10.3 (Tangata Whenua) (page: 232-235); (v) - (viii) N/A.</p>	
13(4)(k)	<p>a summary of—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the consultation undertaken for the purposes of section 29 and any other consultation undertaken on the project with the persons and groups referred to in paragraph (j); and (ii) how the consultation has informed the project: 	<p>Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.10 (Consultation and Engagement) - Section 10.1 (page: 225-226)</p>	Complies as referenced.

13(4)(l)	a list of any Treaty settlements that apply to the project area, and a summary of the relevant principles and provisions in those settlements	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.10 (Consultation and Engagement) – Table 10.1 (page: 239-299)	<p>Complies. The application is not explicit in the consultation doc referenced for identifying Treaty settlements that apply to the project area but this information can be gleaned from other parts of the application.</p> <p>A.04 Environmental Setting report at para identifies 4.4.2 Statutory Acknowledgements and Customary Marine Titles relevant to the application and acknowledges there are various statutory acknowledgements in the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998. However, none are located in or adjacent to the project site.</p> <p>Further the A.04 doc sets out a summary of the relevant principles and provisions in those settlements: The Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 reflects the</p>
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			<p>deed of settlement in which the Crown acknowledged that Ngāi Tahu suffered grave injustices which significantly impaired Ngāi Tahu's economic, social and cultural development and which recorded the matters required to give effect to a settlement of all of Ngāi Tahu's historical claims – including cultural, financial and commercial redress. Deeds to amend the Settlement Deed have subsequently been signed in 1998 and 1999. The Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 includes obligations in relation to the Wildlife Act 1953. Falcon is identified as a taonga species in the Settlement Act and in this respect Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou have been keen to understand how falcon will be impacted by the project.</p>
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			A.09 Statutory Assessment report on page 219 identifies Kai Tahu ki Otago Natural Resource Management Plan 2005 is assessed as the planning document recognised by a relevant iwi authority and lodged with a local authority.
13(4)(m)	a description of any processes already undertaken under the Public Works Act 1981 in relation to the project	N/A	n/a
13(4)(n)	a statement of any relevant principles or provisions in the Ngā Rohe Moana o Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Porou Act 2019	N/A	n/a confirmed
13(4)(o)	information identifying the parcels of Māori land, marae, and identified wāhi tapu within the project area	N/A – there are no parcels of Māori land, marae, and identified wāhi tapu within the project site.	n/a confirmed
13(4)(p)	a statement of whether the applicant is seeking a determination under section 23 and, if so, an assessment of	N/A – the Applicant is not seeking a	n/a confirmed

	the effects of the activity on the relevant land and on the rights and interests of Māori in that land	determination under section 23. The project site is not on identified Maori Land.	
13(4)(q)	a statement of whether the applicant is seeking a determination under section 24(2) and, if so, a description of— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the scale and adverse effects of the existing electricity infrastructure; and (ii) how, if at all, that scale or those adverse effects are anticipated or known to change as a result of the maintenance, upgrading, or continued operation of the infrastructure 	N/A - the Applicant is not seeking a determination under section 24(2). The site is not in national reserve or on Schedule 4 land (relevant to mining).	n/a confirmed
13(4)(r)	a statement of whether the applicant is seeking a determination under section 24(4) and, if so,— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a description of every alternative site considered by the applicant (or, if the referral application is lodged by more than 1 person, any of those persons) for the construction and operation of the new electricity lines (the activity); and (ii) for each alternative site considered,— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) a statement of the anticipated and known 	N/A - the Applicant is not seeking a determination under section 24(4). The site is not in national reserve or on Schedule 4 land.	n/a confirmed

	<p>(B) financial cost of undertaking the activity; and</p> <p>(C) a description of the anticipated and known adverse effects of undertaking the activity; and</p> <p>(D) a description of the anticipated and known financial cost and practicality of available measures to avoid, remedy, mitigate, offset, or compensate for the anticipated and known adverse effects of the activity; and</p> <p>(E) a description of any issues (including financial cost) that would make it impractical to undertake the activity on the site; and</p> <p>(F) an assessment of whether it would be reasonable and practical to undertake the activity on the site, taking into account the matters referred to in subparagraphs (A) to (D) and any other relevant matters</p>		
13(4)(s)	a description of the applicant's legal interest (if any), or if the application is lodged by more than 1 person, the legal interest of any of those persons) (if any), in the land on which the project will occur, including a statement of how that affects the applicant's ability to undertake the work	<p>Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.03 (Introduction) - Section 3.4.1 (page: 6-9)</p> <p>Part H – Landowner Details and Records</p>	Complies as referenced.

		of Title - H.01.	
13(4)(t)	an outline of the types of consents, certificates, designations, concessions, and other legal authorisations (other than contractual authorisations or the proposed approvals) that the applicant considers are needed to authorise the project, including any that the applicant considers may be needed by someone other than the applicant	Part A - Substantive Application Report - A.06 (Approvals Needed and Sought under the FTAA) (page: 63-74)	Complies as referenced.
13(4)(u)	whether any activities that are involved in the project, or are substantially the same as those involved in the project, have been the subject of an application or a decision under a specified Act and,— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) if an application has been made, details of the application: (ii) if a decision has been made, the outcome of the decision and the reasons for it: 	Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.05 (Description of the Project) - Section 5.1 (page: 38) in reference to LUC RM 1409. The Environment Court Decision for RM 1409 is provided in Part G of this application, outlining the outcome of the decision and	Complies as referenced. Information present and sufficient The applicant has included details and a copy of the resource consent held for Stage 1 of the wind farm. The consent was issued in 2009 by the Environment Court.

		reasoning.	
13(4)(v)	a description of whether and how the project would be affected by climate change and natural hazards	A.07 (Assessment of Environmental Effects) - Section 7.16 (Climate Change) (page: 141) and Section 7.17 (Natural Hazards) (page: 142-143).	Complies as referenced.
13(4)(w)	if the application is lodged by more than 1 person, a statement of the proposed approval to be held by each of those persons	N/A	n/a confirmed
13(4)(x)	a summary of compliance or enforcement actions (if any), and the outcome of those actions, taken against the applicant (or if the application is lodged by more than 1 person, any of those persons) under a specified Act	Part A - Substantive Application Report - A.03 (Introduction) - Section 3.2.3 (page: 5)	Complies as referenced.
13(4)(y)	Please provide the information specified below for the relevant approval(s) sought. This is the information specified in the relevant schedule.		
	Resource consent or designation	(i & ii): Part A - Substantive	Complies as referenced.

13(4)(y)(i), clause 2 of Schedule 5	(a) an assessment of the project against— (i) any relevant national policy statement; and (ii) any relevant national environmental standards; and (iii) if relevant, the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement; and	Application Report - A. 09 (Statutory Assessment) - Section 9.5.2 to 9.5.4 (page: 187-192) provide an assessment of the project against the applicable provisions of national policy statements and national environmental standards. (iii): NA.	
	(b) in relation to any proposed approval that is a resource consent, whether, to the best of the applicant's knowledge, there are any existing resource consents of the kind referred to in section 30(3)(a).	N/A	Complies.

13(4)(y)(ii), clause 3 of Schedule 5	<p>Change or cancellation of resource consent condition</p> <p>The information to be provided under section 13(4)(y)(ii) is information about whether and how the change or cancellation of the condition is material to the implementation or delivery of the project.</p>	<p>Part A – Substantive Application Report - A.06 (Approvals Needed and Sought under the Fast-Track Approvals Act) – Section 6.2.1.2 (page: 64 to 65).</p>	Complies as referenced.
13(4)(y)(iii), clause 4 of Schedule 5	<p>Certificate of compliance</p> <p>The information required to be provided under section 13(4)(y)(iii) is information that shows the activity that the certificate of compliance is intended to cover can be done lawfully in the particular location without a resource consent. Include information that shows that the activity that the certificate of compliance is intended to cover can be done lawfully in the particular location without a resource consent.</p>	N/A	n/a confirmed.
13(4)(y)(iv), clause 2 of Schedule 6	<p>Concession</p> <p>(1) The information in subclause (2) is required to be provided under section 13(4)(y)(iv) if a proposed concession includes a lease and—</p> <p>(a) the lease would be for a term (including any renewals) that will or is likely to be more than 50 years; and</p>	N/A	n/a confirmed.

	<p>(b) the granting of the lease would trigger a right of first refusal or a right of offer or return.</p> <p>(2) Confirmation that the applicant has written agreement from the holder of the right of first refusal or right of offer or return to waive that right for the purposes of the proposed lease.</p>		
13(4)(y)(v), clause 23 of Schedule 6	<p>Land exchange</p> <p>(1) The information required to be provided under section 13(4)(y)(v) is (a) - (e) below:</p> <p>(a) a description of both land areas proposed for exchange (for example, maps showing areas and location, addresses, and legal descriptions where possible:</p>	N/A	n/a confirmed.
	<p>(b) the financial value of the land proposed to be acquired by the Crown:</p>	N/A	
	<p>(c) a brief description of the conservation values of both pieces of land, including an explanation of why the exchange would benefit the conservation estate:</p>	N/A	
	<p>(d) if the land exchange would trigger a right of first refusal or a right of offer or return, confirmation that the applicant has written agreement from the holder of the right of first refusal or right of offer or return that the</p>	N/A	

	holder has agreed to waive that right for the purpose of the land exchange:		
	<p>(e) confirmation by the applicant that no part of any land to be exchanged by the Crown is –</p> <p>(i) land listed in Schedule 4; or</p> <p>(ii) a reserve declared to be a national reserve under section 13 of the Reserves Act 1977</p>	N/A	n/a confirmed.
13(4)(y)(vi), clause 2 of Schedule 9	<p>Standard or complex freshwater fisheries activity approval</p> <p>(2) The information required to be provided under section 13(4)(y)(vi) is the following:</p> <p>(a) whether an in-stream structure is proposed (including formal notification of any dam or diversion structure) and the extent to which this may impede fish passage; and</p> <p>(b) whether any fish salvage activities or other complex freshwater fisheries activities are proposed.</p>	<p>The FTAA differentiates between activities that impede fish passage temporarily (SFFA) and activities that impede fish passage more permanently (CFFA). Stage 2 of Puke Kapo Hau will include only a SFFA and requires this for the construction of a culvert in a tributary of the Lee Stream. This means that a</p>	Complies.

		standalone approval under the FTAA is not required.	
13(4)(y)(vii), clause 2 of Schedule 10	<p>Marine consent</p> <p>(1) The information required to be provided under section 13(4)(y)(vii) is–</p> <p>(a) information about whether the Minister of Conservation is an affected person:</p>	N/A	N/A
	<p>(b) additional information about whether the applicant has already made an application for a consent under the EEZ Act in relation to the project, and, if so,—</p> <p>(i) details of any application made; and</p> <p>(ii) the decisions made on that application; and</p> <p>(iii) information about the matters that the Minister may consider under section 22(6):</p>	N/A	N/A
	<p>(c) additional information (in a summary form) about compliance or enforcement action taken against the applicant by the EPA under the EEZ Act.</p>	N/A	N/A

13(4)(y)(viii), clause 2 of Schedule 11	<p>Access arrangement</p> <p>(1) Confirmation that the applicant has complied with section 12(2) (for the purposes of section 13(4)(y)(viii)).</p>	N/A	N/A
13(4)(y)(ix), clause 15 of Schedule 11	<p>Mining permit</p> <p>(1) For the purposes of section 13(4)(y)(ix), the information is—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a copy of the relevant exploration permit or existing privilege to be exchanged for a mining permit that entitles the holder to mine a Crown owned mineral: (b) the name and contact details of the proposed permit participants and the proposed permit operator: (c) a proposed work programme for the proposed permit, which may comprise committed work, committed or contingent work, or both: (d) evidence of the technical or financial capability of the proposed permit holder to comply with and give proper effect to the work programme: (e) information about the proposed permit holder’s history of compliance with mining or similar permits and their conditions: (f) the proposed date on which the substantive application is intended to be lodged: 	N/A	N/A

	<p>(g) if the authorised person proposes to provide information under section 37, the date on which the person intends to provide that information:</p> <p>(h) the proposed duration of the permit:</p> <p>(i) if the proposed approvals include a mining permit for petroleum,—</p> <p>(i) a map of the area over which the mining permit application is intended to be made, the area in which the surrender of an exploration permit or existing privileges is proposed (which must be same area as the area over which the mining permit application is intended to be made), and the extent of the resource to which the development plan relates:</p> <p>(ii) the resources and reserves relating to the project, estimated in accordance with the Petroleum Resources Management System:</p> <p>(iii) a high-level overview of the following:</p> <p>(A) the proposed field development plan:</p> <p>(B) the proposed date for the commencement of petroleum production:</p> <p>(C) the economic model for the project:</p>		
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	<p>(D) the proposed duration of the proposed mining permit:</p> <p>(E) decommissioning plans:</p> <p>(j) if the proposed approvals include a mining permit for minerals other than petroleum,—</p> <p>(i) a map of the area over which the mining permit application is intended to be made, the area in which the surrender of an exploration permit or existing privileges is proposed (which must be same area as the area over which the mining permit application is intended to be made), and the extent of the resource and reserves to which the development plan relates:</p> <p>(ii) for minerals other than gold or silver, a report or statement confirming the ownership of the minerals targeted:</p> <p>(iii) whether the application will be for a Tier 1 or Tier 2 permit:</p> <p>(iv) an estimate of the mineral resources and reserves relating to the project, including a summary on acquisition of the data and the data underpinning the estimate (such as information on sample locations, grade, and geology):</p>		
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<p>(v) an indicative mine plan:</p> <p>(vi) a high-level overview of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) the proposed mining method: (B) the proposed date for the commencement of mining and estimated annual production: (C) the economic model for the project: (D) the status of or anticipated timing for completing any prefeasibility or feasibility studies: (E) the proposed methods for processing mined material and handling and treating waste: (F) anticipated plans for mine closure and rehabilitation. <p>(2) For the purpose of subclause (1)(j)(iv), for a Tier 1 permit application the resources and reserves relating to the project are to be estimated in accordance with a recognised reporting code such as JORC or NI 43-101.</p>		
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Appendix 2: Consultation Summary

The following agencies were consulted with to inform the assessment of the application for completeness. Each agency was requested to confirm whether the application documentation provided by the EPA regarding the proposal as provided by the applicant meets the requirements of sections 42 and 43 of the Act and is provided in sufficient detail to satisfy the purpose of the Act in accordance with section 44 of the Act.

Otago Regional Council and Clutha District Council confirm that the application documentation available in the EPA application portal meets the requirements of sections 42 and 43 of the Act and has been provided in sufficient detail to satisfy the purpose for which it is required in accordance with section 44 of the Act.

HNZPT confirms that all documentation has been provided that is required for an archaeological authority application.

The Department of Conservation provided a response that was considered the information was present and sufficient, except for

1. Consultation with Otago Regional Council, Clutha District Council (and Dunedin City Council as an adjacent council) as the relevant consent authorities and the Ministry for the Environment as the administering agency for the following approvals under the Resource Management Act 1991:

- Resource consent (section 42(4)(a) of the Act)
- Change or cancellation of resource consent condition (section 42(4)(b) of the Act)

Otago Regional Council

Otago Regional Council has received correspondence dated 10 November 2025 from the EPA regarding a completeness and scope assessment prior to referral of a substantive application by Tararua Wind Power Ltd for the Mahinerangi Wind Farm to an Expert Panel under the Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act).

Substantive Application Assessment

To inform the EPA's completeness assessment of the application, the EPA asked whether the documentation available in the application portal regarding the RMA approvals as provided by the applicant meets the requirements of sections 42 and 43 of the Act and is provided in sufficient detail to satisfy the purpose for which it is required in accordance with section 44 of the Act.

A review shows that the application documentation available in the EPA application portal meets the requirements of sections 42 and 43 of the Act and has been provided in

sufficient detail to satisfy the purpose for which it is required in accordance with section 44 of the Act.

Section 30 Confirmation

The EPA also asked the following specific question in accordance with section 30 of the Act:

- Confirm that the written notice prepared by the Council remains accurate and final at the time of receiving this letter.

I confirm that the letter dated 31 October 2025 regarding Section 30(3)b remains accurate and final.

Yours sincerely,

Alexandra King

Manager Consents/Manager Environmental Delivery Data and Systems

Clutha District Council

Kia ora,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Mahinerangi Wind Farm Fast Track Application.

Primary Contact

I am emailing on behalf of Olivia Resiteaux with the Clutha District Council's Feedback on the application. Currently the primary contact on the portal is Steve Hill, the Chief Executive Officer, however this is to be changed to Olivia Restieaux, Acting Regulatory Group Manager.

A request to update the primary contact was made via the Fast Track contact number earlier this morning. It was advised that the request may not be actioned today, so in the interim, an email with our feedback rather than submitting via the portal would suffice.

Feedback

The Clutha District Council can confirm the application meets the requirements of Sections 42 and 43 of the Act and is provided in sufficient detail to satisfy the purpose for which it is required in accordance with Section 44 of the Fast Track Approvals Act.

The Clutha District Council is also satisfied that the written notice prepared by Council 22 October 2025 remains accurate and final at the time of receiving this letter.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Ministry for the Environment

Tēnā koe

Consultation regarding the updated substantive application under the Fast-track Approvals Act (2024) (the Act) – Mahinerangi Wind Farm—Applications for Replacement Resource Consents

Thank you for your letter dated 10 November 2025 regarding Mercury NZ Limited's updated substantive applications under the Act. MfE as relevant administering agency does not have any comment on whether the documentation meets the requirements of sections 42 and 43 of the Act or whether it is in sufficient detail to satisfy the purpose for which it is required.

We appreciate MfE being consulted and note that the responsibility for making these determinations sits with the EPA. MfE will provide comment on whether future applications meet the requirements of these sections where it holds relevant information to contribute to that determination.

Ngā mihi

Rebecca Partridge

2. **Consultation with the Department of Conservation** as the administering agency for the following Acts:

- Wildlife Act 1953.

Department of Conservation	
17 November 2025	
Department of Conservation advice for EPA compliance assessment	
Overview Project name	Mahinerangi Wind Farm
Project applicant	Tararua Wind Power Limited
EPA unique ref. no	FTAA-2510-1125
EPA Request Number	CRM:0139006471
Conservation approvals sought	Wildlife approval
EPA request summary	<i>To inform the EPA’s completeness assessment of the application, could you please let us know, in your view, whether the documentation provided by the EPA, via the portal, regarding the above approvals as provided by the applicant meet the requirements of sections 42 and 43 of the Act and is provided in sufficient detail to satisfy the purpose for which it is required in accordance with section 44 of the Act.</i>
Date received	10 November 2025

Date due to EPA	17 November 2025
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The purpose of this document is to provide advice to assist the EPA in making its decision whether the application lodged by Tatarua Wind Power Limited (TWP) complies with the requirements of section 46(2) of the Act.

The advice covers compliance with the following:

- Preliminary matters under section 43
- Information requirements for relevant approvals
- Consultation requirements.

The advice also includes further observations of relevance to further processing of the application, for example where further information could be needed for a decision by the panel.

DOC understands that this document will be passed on to the applicant, the Panel Convener and the Panel.

Preliminary matters under section 43

The application must demonstrate that the project does not involve any ineligible activities (as defined in section 5). The applicant has provided an assessment of the

project in relation to the relevant section 5 matters (A.03 pg 6) and concluded that the project is eligible for authorisation under the Act. DOC concurs with the applicant’s assessment and the conclusion reached i.e. that the project is eligible for consideration under the Act.

Compliance with information requirements

In summary, DOC’s advice is that the application largely meets the requirements of sections 42, 43 and 44 of the Act.

Our assessment of the information requirements for the relevant approval is provided in Table 1 and 2, as set out below. Where DOC has considered that information is present (partial) and/or has not been able to determine if the information provided is in sufficient detail, further detail is provided in the tables.

In summary, the following information is partially present and not considered to be in sufficient detail:

- Section 13(4)(l) of the Act – Treaty settlements that apply to the project area, and a summary of the relevant principles and provisions in those settlements:

While the application briefly describes the engagement that has been undertaken with Te Rūnanga ō Ōtakou, the application does not appear to specifically detail the Treaty settlements that apply to the project area or provide a summary of the relevant principles and provisions in those settlements.

The following information is present but has not been provided in sufficient detail:

- Schedule 7 clause 2(1)(n) of the Act – Proof and details of all consultation, including with hapū or iwi

As noted above, the application briefly describes the engagement that has been undertaken with Te Rūnanga ō Ōtakou. However, the application does not appear to include details of engagement specific to the wildlife approval required.

Consultation

Section 29(1)(a) of the Act requires that, before lodging a substantive application for a **listed project**, the authorised person for the project must consult the persons and groups referred to in section 11, including the relevant administering agencies and relevant Treaty partners.

DOC is a relevant administering agency for this application. It is considered that the applicant has carried out pre lodgement with DOC in an appropriate and satisfactory manner. Sufficient details relating to the project and relevant technical reports have been shared with DOC, a site visit has been facilitated, and the feedback provided to the applicant appears, largely, to have been taken into account as part of the substantive application.

Further observations

In addition to the compliance requirements, DOC makes the following observations:

- *A Native Fish Recovery Plan (C.13) has been provided as part of the application. While resource consent is being sought for the construction of a culvert within a headwater tributary of Lee Stream, freshwater fisheries approval is not being sought.*
- *In its feedback to the applicant dated 27.9.2025, DOC advised the applicant that if absolutely protected invertebrate species are likely to be killed, captured, handled or relocated during the proposed activities approval will be required. The applicant has outlined that approval is not being sought as surveys completed did not identify any species listed in Schedule 7 of the Wildlife Act 1953.*

Further information

Although DOC's advice is that the application meets the requirements of sections 42, 43, and 44 of the Act, DOC considers that the following information will be important for further processing

and deciding on the application. Therefore, we intend to recommend that the following information is requested in the future.

i *As part of pre lodgement consultation, DOC requested information relating to road access to the site. Specifically, whether road access, which crosses a scientific reserve as part of Stage 1 of the wind farm, will continue under the same arrangements for Stage 2.*

Further questions

DOC encourages further discussion on any of the above as appropriate and is happy to meet and discuss with the EPA if this will assist further in informing the decision on completeness.

Please contact me on the details below if you have any questions or wish to discuss further.

Listed project requirements under section 43(2)

Table 1 below provides information to assist the EPA in relation to consideration of the matters required for listed projects for a substantive application under section 43(2) of the Act. This section requires additional information for listed projects that would otherwise have been required during the referral process. Where this information duplicates other requirements it will be addressed elsewhere.

Table 1: Information Requirements - Section 13(4) of the Act

Relevant section	Is the information present? Y/N	Application document reference	Is the information provided in sufficient detail? Y/N	Comments
13(4)(j): 1. relevant Treaty settlement entities: (iv) 2. relevant protected customary rights groups and customary marine title groups: (v) 3. relevant applicant groups under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011: (vii) 4. persons with a registered interest in land that may need to be acquired under the Public Works Act 1981: (viii)	Yes	A.10 (pgs 8-11)	Yes	Information present and sufficient

13(4)(k) a summary of the consultation undertaken for the purposes of section 11/ 29 and any other consultation undertaken on the project with the persons and groups referred to in paragraph (j) and how that consultation has informed the project	Yes	A.10 (pgs 6-7, 38-65 and 66-73)	Yes	Information present and sufficient Details relating to the consultation undertaken with DOC, outlined in the application documents, appears to align with the actual consultation that has been undertaken with DOC.
13(4)(l) a list of any Treaty settlements that apply to the project area, and a summary of the relevant principles and provisions in those settlements:	Partial	A.12 (pg 21)	No	Information not present The application briefly describes the engagement that has occurred with Te

<p>13(4)(n) a statement of any relevant principles or provisions in the Ngā Rohe Moana o Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Porou Act 2019:</p> <p>13(4)(o) information identifying the parcels of Māori land, marae, and identified wāhi tapu within the project area:</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Rūnanga o Ōtākou but does not appear to specifically outline the Treaty settlements that apply or provide a summary of relevant principles and provisions of those settlements.</p>
<p>13(4)(m) a description of any processes already undertaken under the Public Works Act 1981 in relation to the project:</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
<p>13(4)(u) whether any activities that are involved in the project, or are substantially the same as those involved in the project, have been the subject of an application or a decision under a specified Act and,—</p> <p>(i) if an application has been made, details of the application:</p> <p>(ii) if a decision has been made, the outcome of the decision and the reasons for it:</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Various sections in A.05 (including pgs 1, 5-6, 9 and 12) G.06</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Information present and sufficient</p> <p>The applicant has included details and a copy of the resource consent held for Stage 1 of the wind farm. The consent was issued in 2009 by the Environment Court.</p>

13(4)(x) a summary of compliance or enforcement actions (if any), and the outcome of those actions, taken against the applicant (or if the referral application is lodged by more than 1 person, any of those persons) under a specified Act:	Yes	A.03 (pg 5)	Yes	Information present and sufficient
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Applications for wildlife approvals

Clause 2 of Schedule 7 outlines the information required in an application for a wildlife

approval. As set out in A.12 (page 3), the applicant has applied for the following activities:

- The capture, attachment of identification leg bands and GPS transmitters, and handling of carcasses for falcon;
- The collection of the carcass of any native bird with a conservation status of threatened or at-risk, including falcon, found by staff or contractors within the Wind Farm Development Area and undertake necropsy to establish the cause of death where it is undetermined and may be related to the operation of the wind farm; and
- The handling, salvage, relocation and incidental killing of lizards to enable to undertake vegetation clearance and earthworks within the project site.

The applicant shared a range of technical reports and assessments with DOC as part of pre-lodgement consultation. DOC reviewed these documents and provided written feedback to the applicant on three occasions¹ (27 September 2025, 8 October 2025 and 27 October 2025). The feedback notes a range of concerns / information gaps relating to lizards, avifauna, invertebrates, consultation and other matters (road access to the site, whether the proposed transmission line will traverse conservation land, and location of the workers' and laydown areas). A high-level summary of DOC's feedback and the applicant's responses to the feedback is outlined below, and where appropriate, in Table 2 below.

An assessment has been made in relation to the information requirements included in Schedule 7 Clause 2, refer to the details set out in Table 2 below. DOC has commented on whether the information requirements are met in relation to the species-specific approvals sought for both lizards and avifauna.

¹ FT-0049-PRE – Mahinerangi Wind Farm – Pre-Lodgement Consultation Summary for Applicant Provided 27 September; FTE-0049-PRE – Mahinerangi Wind Farm – Pre-Lodgement Consultation Summary V2 (1)_final (dated 27 October 2025) and Mahinerangi Windfarm_Pre lodgement feedback on lizard management (dated 8 October 2025)

Table 2: Information Requirements - Schedule 7 Clause 2 of the Act

Relevant section	Is the information present? Y/N	Application document reference (include section/page reference)	Is the information provided in sufficient detail? Y/N	Comments <i>[If the information is not considered sufficient add a short statement why] Delete this guidance and if appropriate add comment</i>
Schedule 7 clause 2(1) - For the purposes of section 43(3)(h), an application for a wildlife approval must include the following information:				

(a) specify the purpose of the proposed activity:	<u>Lizards</u> Yes <u>Avifauna</u> Yes	<u>Lizards and Avifauna</u> A.12 (pgs 3-4) <u>Lizards</u> B.15 (pg 6) <u>Avifauna</u> B.14 (pgs 8-9)	<u>Lizards</u> Yes <u>Avifauna</u> Yes	Information present and sufficient In relation to invertebrates, DOC notified the applicant that approval will be required should any absolutely protected invertebrate species likely be incidentally killed, captured, handled or relocated. The applicant has confirmed (A.12 pg 22) that while the surveys undertaken identified a total of 924 invertebrate taxa, no species listed in Schedule 7 of the Wildlife Act 1953 were discovered. Consequently, the applicant considers it highly unlikely any Schedule 7 species are present within the project area and does not consider it necessary to obtain wildlife approval.
(b) identify the actions the applicant wishes to carry out involving protected wildlife and where they will be carried out (whether on or off public conservation land):	<u>Lizards</u> Yes <u>Avifauna</u> Yes	<u>Lizards</u> A.12 (pg 5) B.15 (pgs 6-7) <u>Avifauna</u> A.12 (pgs 5-6)	<u>Lizards</u> Yes <u>Avifauna</u> Yes	Information present and sufficient

Relevant section	Is the information present? Y/N	Application document reference (include section/page reference)	Is the information provided in sufficient detail? Y/N	Comments <i>[If the information is not considered sufficient add a short statement why] Delete this guidance and if appropriate add comment</i>
		B.14 (pgs 9-12)		
(c) include an assessment of the activity and its impacts against the purpose of the Wildlife Act 1953:	<u>Lizards</u> Yes <u>Avifauna</u> Yes	<u>Lizards</u> A.12 (pg 7) B.15 (pgs 9-10) <u>Avifauna</u> A.12 (pgs 6-7) B.14 (pg 13)	<u>Lizards</u> Yes <u>Avifauna</u> Yes	Information present and sufficient
(d) list protected wildlife species known or predicted to be in the area and, where possible, the numbers of wildlife present and numbers likely to be impacted:	<u>Lizards:</u> Yes <u>Avifauna:</u> Yes	<u>Lizards</u> A.12 (pg 10) B.08 (pgs 31-46) B.15 (pgs 10-11) <u>Avifauna</u> A.12 (pg 8) B.05 (pgs 39-43, 55-60, 83, 88) B.14 (pg 13) C.15 (pgs 29-44)	<u>Lizards:</u> Yes <u>Avifauna:</u> Yes	Information present and sufficient The applicant has provided details on invertebrates present and their numbers within 20 km of the project site (B.06). As no species are listed in Schedule 7 of the Wildlife Act 1953, the applicant does not consider approval necessary.

(e) outline impacts on threatened, data deficient, and at-risk wildlife species (as defined in the New Zealand Threat Classification System):	<u>Lizards</u> Yes <u>Avifauna</u> Yes	<u>Lizards and Avifauna</u> A.12 (pgs 8-12) <u>Lizards</u> B.08 (pgs 51-55) B.15 (pgs 11-13)	<u>Lizards</u> Yes <u>Avifauna</u> Yes	Information present and sufficient
Relevant section	Is the information present? Y/N	Application document reference (include section/page reference)	Is the information provided in sufficient detail? Y/N	Comments <i>[If the information is not considered sufficient add a short statement why] Delete this guidance and if appropriate add comment</i>
		<u>Avifauna</u> B.05 (pgs 66-71) B.14 (pg 14)		
(f) state how the methods proposed to be used to conduct the actions specified under paragraph (b) will ensure that best practice standards are met:	<u>Lizards</u> Yes <u>Avifauna</u> Yes	<u>Lizards and Avifauna</u> A.12 (pgs 12-15) <u>Lizards</u> B.15 (pgs 13-14) C.15 (pgs 6-7) <u>Avifauna</u> B.15 (pgs 14-15)	<u>Lizards</u> Yes <u>Avifauna</u> Yes	Information present and sufficient The applicant has outlined standard practice measures for the capture and handling of falcon and acknowledged DOC's nine principles for lizard salvage.

(g) describe the methods to be used to safely, efficiently, and humanely catch, hold, or kill the animals and identify relevant animal ethics processes:	<u>Lizards</u> Yes <u>Avifauna</u> Yes	<u>Lizards</u> A.12 (pgs 14-15) B.15 (pg 15) C.15 (pgs 49-51) <u>Avifauna</u> A.12 (pgs 13-14) B.14 (pgs 15-16)	<u>Lizards</u> Yes <u>Avifauna</u> Yes	Information present and sufficient
(h) state the location or locations in which the activity will be carried out, including a map (and GPS co-ordinates if available):	<u>Lizards</u> Yes <u>Avifauna</u> Yes	<u>Lizards and Avifauna</u> A.12 (pgs 15-17) <u>Lizards</u>	<u>Lizards</u> Yes <u>Avifauna</u> Yes	Information present and sufficient While GPS co-ordinates do not appear to have been included, the applicant has provided details and maps in various reports of the

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		B.08 (pgs 8-9) B.15 (pgs 6, 8 and 15) C.15 (pg 52) <u>Avifauna</u> B.05 (pg 16)		proposed location of the project. Figure 3 in B.15 shows the proposed lizard release site.

(i) state whether authorisation is sought to temporarily hold or relocate wildlife:	<u>Lizards</u> Yes <u>Avifauna</u> Yes	B.14 (pgs 16-17) <u>Lizards and Avifauna</u> A.12 (pg 17) <u>Lizards</u> B.15 (pg 15) <u>Avifauna</u> B.14 (pg 18)	<u>Lizards</u> Yes <u>Avifauna</u> Yes	Information present and sufficient Authorisation is being sought to temporarily hold or relocate lizards. Falcon will be released immediately following fitting of an identification band and GPS transmitter.
(j) list all actual and potential wildlife effects (adverse or positive) of the proposed activity, including effects on the target species, other indigenous species, and the ecosystems at the site:	<u>Lizards</u> Yes <u>Avifauna</u> Yes	<u>Lizards</u> A.12 (pgs 18-19) B.08 (pgs 51-55) B.15 (pg 16) <u>Avifauna</u> A.12 (pgs 17-18) B.05 (pgs 66-71) B.14 (pg 18)	<u>Lizards</u> Yes <u>Avifauna</u> Yes	Information present and sufficient

Relevant section	Is the information present? Y/N	Application document reference (include section/page reference)	Is the information provided in sufficient detail? Y/N	Comments <i>[If the information is not considered sufficient add a short statement why] Delete this guidance and if appropriate add comment</i>
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<p>(k) where adverse effects are identified, state what methods will be used to avoid and minimise those effects, and any offsetting or compensation proposed to address unmitigated adverse effects (including steps taken before the project begins, such as surveying, salvaging, and relocating protected wildlife):</p>	<p><u>Lizards</u> Yes</p> <p><u>Avifauna</u> Yes</p>	<p><u>Lizards</u> A.12 (pgs 20-21) B.08 (pgs 56-58) B.15 (pg 16) C.15</p> <p><u>Avifauna</u> A.12 (pgs 19-20) B.05 (pgs 66-71) B.14 (pgs 19-20) C.14</p>	<p><u>Lizards</u> Yes</p> <p><u>Avifauna</u> Yes</p>	<p>Information present and sufficient</p> <p>DOC provided feedback to the applicant (27.9.2025) noting concerns that no post-construction bird strike monitoring is proposed. The applicant, at A12 pg 22, has noted that focused monitoring of falcon will take place for at least two years following commissioning of Stage 2. This is also set out in the Avifauna Management Plan (C.14). The applicant has responded to general concerns raised by DOC relating to avifauna at A.12 pgs 23-24.</p> <p>DOC provided feedback to the applicant (8.10.2025) regarding the Lizard Management Plan (LMP) and the following information was requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lizard release site at the Scrappy Pines Block and how it will be prepared for the relocated lizards • Mouse-predation measures • Triggers which would determine
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				continued trapping within any given Artificial Cover Object (ACO) cluster.
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Relevant section	Is the information present? Y/N	Application document reference (include section/page reference)	Is the information provided in sufficient detail? Y/N	Comments <i>[If the information is not considered sufficient add a short statement why] Delete this guidance and if appropriate add comment</i>
				Clarification has been provided by the applicant in the LMP at pages 49 and 53-56.
(l) state whether the applicant or any company director, trustee, partner, or anyone else involved with the application has been convicted of any offence under the Wildlife Act 1953:	Yes	A.12 (pg 21) B.14 (pg 20) B.15 (pg 17)	Yes	Information present and sufficient
(m) state whether the applicant or any company director, trustee, partner, or anyone else involved with the application has any current criminal charges under the Wildlife Act 1953 pending before a court:	Yes	A.12 (pg 21) B.14 (pg 20) B.15 (pg 17)	Yes	Information present and sufficient DOC has not identified any pending charges

<p>(n) provide proof and details of all consultation, including with hapū or iwi, on the application specific to wildlife impacts:</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>A.10 (pgs 6-7 and 8-11) A.12 (pgs 21-24) B.14 (pg 20) B.15 (pg 17)</p>	<p>Undetermined</p>	<p>Information present and insufficient (in part) The applicant has provided information relating to the engagement that has been carried out with DOC which includes sharing of technical reports and a joint site visit. The information included appears to align with DOC’s view on the engagement process. The applicant has also provided details of ongoing engagement with Te Rūnanga o Ōtakou, a governance arm of Ngāi Tahu.</p>
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(o) provide any additional written expert views, advice, or opinions the applicant has obtained concerning their proposal.	Yes	A.12 (pg 24) B.14 (pg 21) B.15 (pg 17)	Yes	Information present and sufficient

3. With **Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga** for an approval described in section 42(4)(i) (archaeological authority);

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga			
Competing Interests and Completeness check for project			
Project Name	Mahinerangi Wind Farm		
Applicant	Mercury NZ Limited		
Contact Details			
Organisation Name	Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT)		
First name	Victoria		
Last name	Trow		
Postal address	PO Box 2629, Wellington		
Contact Number	(04) 471 4898	Alternative	
under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024			
Introduction			
5. On 2 May 2025, Mercury NZ Limited (the Applicant) lodged a substantive application for Mahinerangi Wind Farm (the Project) with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).			
6. On 10 November 2025 the EPA requested feedback regarding completeness in order to determine whether the substantive application complies with section 46(2) of the FTA Act.			
7. HNZPT has also undertaken a check for competing applications to assist in determining if there are any competing applications or existing resource consents under section 47 of the FTA Act.			
Completeness Check			
8. HNZPT confirms that all documentation has been provided that is required for an archaeological authority application.			
Competing Interests Check			

9. HNZPT confirms that there are no current competing archaeological authority applications under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga 2014 Act that relate to the same activity and site