

From: s 9(2)(a)
To:
Subject: RE: RE: FTAA-2512-1152 - Ngā Wairau – Stage 1 - Fast-track referral application submitted
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Kia ora Rebecca,

Thank you for your email, please find a response below to your questions.

The reasons for consent are outlined in Section 5 of the Supporting Information for a Referral Application document; a new dam consent is sought. Auckland Council will cancel the existing Dam consent (Permit Number 33083) once the new dam consent is granted under the FTAA. At this stage, the consents being applied for under s43(3) of the FTAA are outlined in Section 5, this includes resource consents under the RMA, and an authority may be required under the Wildlife Act.

With regard to Section 13(4)(t) of the FTAA, in particular the types of consents, certificates, designations, concessions, and other legal authorisations we note the following:

- The referral application is based on concept design and the information available to date. The approvals required, including other consents / authorisations will be confirmed as developed design progresses.
- In Section 2.3, page 11 of the of the Supporting Information for a Referral Application document, there are three nearby designations (Transpower, Vector and NZTA). No works are proposed within the designations, nor are any works proposed to the utility providers assets and as such no approvals outside of the FTAA are anticipated to be required.
- No works are required within the adjacent State Highway. As such, no approvals are required from NZTA.
- Watercare have assets within the site and works over approvals may be required, this will be confirmed as the detailed design progresses.
- Vector's local electricity distribution lines run along the eastern boundary of the site. Vector are in the process of discussing an easement with Auckland Council, any approvals that may be required will be confirmed as the detailed design progresses.
- In Section 2.1, page 8, of the of the Supporting Information for a Referral Application document, it is noted that there is a listed Interest on the Titles (for all sites) – “Subject to Part IV A Conservation Act 1987” (which relates to marginal strips). There are no marginal strips identified on the title plan and/or survey plan. Healthy Waters will continue to engage with DoC through the referral application process and the development of the Project. If it were ultimately determined that any marginal strip

had been reserved at the time of original Crown disposition, then it is possible that an authorisation under the Conservation Act (for example, a concession) *could* be required. However, no such authorisation has been identified as required at this stage.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Ngā mihi,

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From: Rebecca Burton s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 7 January 2026 9:19 am
To: Vesa Barron s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: RE: FTAA-2512-1152 - Ngā Wairau – Stage 1 - Fast-track referral application submitted CRM:0441000045

Kia ora Vesa,

Your application is currently being processed, you will be provided with a formal decision once the application has been approved as being compliant under section 14(1) of the FTAA.

I do have a few questions regarding the application. The application refers to the existing Dam consent (Permit Number 33083), however its not clear if Auckland Council intend to vary, cancel or retain this consent. Could you please confirm what consents are being applied for under s43(3) of the FTAA?

Section **13(4)(t)** of the FTAA requires the applicant to advise of any other consents required outside of those applied for under the FTAA (i.e. approval from Transpower for infrastructure provision, or NZTA for access to a limited road). Can you please advise if there are any other approvals that may be required other than the authority under the Wildlife Act and the resource consents under the RMA?

Thank you

Sincerely

Rebecca Burton
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----- Original Message -----

From: Vesa Barron <referral@fasttrack.govt.nz>
Received: Mon Jan 05 2026 11:30:31 GMT+1300 (New Zealand Daylight Time)
To: FastTrack Referral <referral@fasttrack.govt.nz>;
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Kia ora,

The status of our application is 'In Progress', does this mean it is deemed compliant as per section 14 (1) of the FTAA?

Ngā mihi,

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From: Referral <Referral@fasttrack.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 5 December 2025 10:28 am
To: Vesa Barron s 9(2)(a)
Subject: FTAA-2512-1152 - Ngā Wairau – Stage 1 - Fast-track referral application submitted CRM:0441000045

Kia ora Vesa,

Thank you for submitting your referral application in the Fast-track applications portal, we thought we would let you know the process and timings from here. The status of your application at present is **submitted**.

You will shortly be receiving an invoice for payment. Our Referrals Team will be advised when your payment has been received. At that point, the status of your application will become **lodged**, and our team will commence assessing your application for compliance as per section 14 (1) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA). We have a 10-day statutory timeframe for this work. You may be contacted by us during that time if there are some quick questions regarding your application, however this will be unlikely in most cases.

If your application is deemed non-compliant, you will receive a letter from us advising you of the reasons why, on or before day 10 post-lodgement.

If your application is deemed compliant, we will progress your application to the next stage. This involves the Minister for Infrastructure making a decision to invite comments from various parties, as described in Section 17 of the FTAA. We will update you again at that point.

Ngā mihi

Fast-track Operations (Referrals team)

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