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Tēnā koe

Request for further information in relation to your application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

You lodged a substantive application, State Highway 1 Wellington Improvements, under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) on 14 August 2026.

Prior to referring a substantive application to an Expert Panel, the EPA must assess the completeness and scope of the application to ensure it complies with section 46(2) of the Act. To assist with making this assessment, under section 46(2A) of the Act the EPA may seek further information from you.

Request for Further Information

To inform the EPA's assessment of the application for completeness, please provide a response to the following matters:

- 1. Information that fulfils the requirements of clauses 5(1)(i) and 12(1)(e) of Schedule 5 of the Act, and section 13(4)(l) of the Act, specifically:**
 - a) identification of the relevant provisions in any Treaty settlements that apply in the area covered by the consent application (cl 5(1)(i), Sch 5)
 - b) identification of the relevant provisions in any Treaty settlements that apply in the area to which the substantive application relates (cl 12(1)(e), Sch 5)
 - c) a summary of the relevant principles and provisions of the Treaty settlements that apply to the project area (s 13(4)(l))

2. Information that fulfils the requirements of clause 6(1)(b) of Schedule 5 of the Act:

- a) Confirmation on whether the activity includes the use of hazardous installations, and if so, an assessment of any risks to the environment that are likely to arise from such use.

3. Information that fulfils the requirements of clause 6(1)(c)(ii) of Schedule 5 of the Act:

- a) if an activity includes the discharge of any contaminant, a description of any possible alternative methods of discharge, including discharge into any other receiving environment.

4. Information that fulfils the requirements of clause 6(1)(g) of Schedule 5 of the Act:

- a) 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.

Please note that reference to a monitoring plan that is not yet included with the application, without specifying the above information, is not sufficient for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of this clause.

Feedback from Wellington City Council

- 5.** As part of the mandatory consultation the EPA undertook with the Wellington City Council, the Council provided the following feedback:

“The applicant has omitted potential consent triggers for biodiversity offsetting within the Town Belt and outside the designation. The application assesses these matters against the District Plan generally, indicating that the Infrastructure Chapter is not considered relevant. However, the following may apply: transport of greater than 200 m3 may require consent under EW-R4 and EW-S4; earthworks on a slope greater than 34 degrees (EW-S3), or over 250 square metres in area (EW-S1), may also require consent under EW-R4. Information elsewhere on the biodiversity offset indicates that the relevant area and volume thresholds are likely to be exceeded.” – Row 16 of Table 1 of the Wellington City Council feedback.

The EPA has identified this matter as relevant to the requirements of clause 5(1)(f), and/or clause 12(1)(i) of Schedule 5 of the Act, and/or section 13(4)(t) of the Act. Please confirm whether the consents identified by the Council are required for the project, and if so, if they are sought as part of this application.

- 6.** Wellington City Council's feedback also noted the following:

“Reserves Act 1977 approvals associated with the proposed temporary construction use of reserve land have not been identified in the application. This may also include use of reserve

land for wildlife relocation sites.” – Row 18 of Table 1 of the Wellington City Council feedback.

The EPA has identified this matter as relevant to the requirements of section 13(4)(t) of the Act. Please confirm whether approvals under the Reserves Act 1977 are required for any activities proposed to take place on reserve land.

Responding to the Request for Further Information

Under the Act, you have until the end of the 20th working day from the date of this letter to provide a response to the EPA, which is 30 September 2026.

From the date of this letter, the 15 working day timeframe for the EPA to decide on completeness and scope of the substantive application ceases to run. The 15 working day timeframe will recommence once your response is received on or after 30 September 2026, whichever is sooner.

If you wish to clarify any matter relating to the request, and the request was generated from the EPA’s consultation with an administering agency or local authority, we suggest that you contact that administering agency or local authority directly before providing your response to the EPA.

If you require information from the EPA in relation to the request for further information, you may request that information from the EPA under section 46(2C) of the Act. Please send your request to projects@fasttrack.govt.nz.

The EPA intends to publish the information received from you in full, including your responses in our completeness memorandum, on the Fast-track website.

If you have any questions, please contact Alex Mickleson, Application Lead by email at info@fasttrack.govt.nz.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Margot Meuleman', written in a cursive style.

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