

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

MINUTE 1 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Decision under section 53 of the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 inviting comments on substantive application.

Waihi North [FTAA-2504-1046]

28 July 2025

[1] In accordance with s 53 of the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act), the panel directs the Environmental Protection Agency to invite, not later than 28 July 2025, written comments on the substantive application from:

- (a) The relevant local authorities, namely, the Waikato Regional Council, the Hauraki District Council and the Thames-Coromandel District Council. See s 53(2)(a).
- (b) Relevant iwi authorities, namely Hako Tupuna Trust, Ngāti Maru Rūnanga Trust, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Pu, Ngāti Tumutumu Trust, Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Trust, Ngāti Tara Tokanui Trust, Ngaati Whanaunga Incorporated Society, Ngāti Tamaterā Treaty Settlement Trust and Hauraki Trust Board. See s 53(2)(b).
- (c) Relevant Treaty settlement entities, namely Ngāti Tara Tokanui Trust, Ngāti Maru Rūnanga Trust, Ngaati Whanaunga Ruunanga Trust, Ngāti Tamaterā Treaty Settlement Trust, Ngāti Tumutumu Trust, Pare Hauraki Cultural Redress Trust/Pare Hauraki Whenua Limited Partnership/Pare Hauraki Ngahere Limited Partnership, Taonga o Marutūāhu Trustee Limited/Marutūāhu Rōpū Limited Partnership and

Hako Tupuna Trust. See s 53(2)(c).

- (d) Owners and occupiers of the properties to which the substantive application relates and the land adjacent to that land, namely the owners and occupiers of the properties listed in **appendix A** to this minute. See s 53(2)(h) and (i).
- (e) The Minister for the Environment and other relevant portfolio Ministers, namely the Ministers for Economic Growth, Arts Culture and Heritage, Conservation, Regional Development, and Resources. See s 53(2)(j).
- (f) Relevant administering agencies, namely the Ministry for the Environment, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Toanga, the Ministry for Culture and Heritage, the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment and the Department of Conservation. See s 53(2)(k).
- (g) The persons or groups listed in clauses 5 of Schedule 6, 4 of Schedule 7, and 5 of Schedule 11 of the Act, namely the Director-General of Conservation, the New Zealand Conservation Authority, the Waikato Conservation Board, the New Zealand Fish and Game Council and the Game Animal Council. See s 53(2)(m).
- (h) Other persons the panel considers appropriate, namely:
 - (i) the owners and occupiers of the properties listed in **appendix B**;
 - (ii) The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment;
 - (iii) Forest & Bird;
 - (iv) Coromandel Watchdog of Harauki Inc;
 - (v) Waihi Community Marae;
 - (vi) Ngāti Porou ki Hauraki;
 - (vii) Ngāti Hei;
 - (viii) The Martha Trust;
 - (ix) The New Zealand Transport Agency; and
 - (x) The Waihi Community Forum;
 See s 53(3).

[2] In determining what land is relevant for the purposes of s 53(2)(h) and (i), the Panel has treated land:

- (a) directly above proposed underground activities as “land to which the substantive application relates”; and
- (b) as adjacent to “land to which the substantive application relates” where the relevant title boundaries are contiguous or separated only by a road or watercourse.

[3] On the basis of the information currently available to it, the panel is of the view that the properties listed in appendix B, although not immediately adjacent to the “land to which the substantive application relates”, are sufficiently exposed to the possible effects of the proposed activities to justify their owners and occupiers being invited to comment.

[4] As for other persons referred to in [1](h), the panel sees them as warranting invitations to comment on the basis of one or more of the following factors:

- (a) sufficient actual or potential interest in the proposal;
- (b) arguably being entitled to be invited to comment under s 52(2); and
- (c) the likelihood that their participation will facilitate a critical testing of the bases on which the proposal is advanced.

[5] The panel directs the Environmental Protection Agency to specify in the invitations that the comments must be received by it on behalf of the panel by 25 August 2025.

[6] The panel records that on 23 July 2024 members visited the areas in and around Waihi and the Coromandel Forest Park that are affected by the proposal and, on 24 July, received a briefing from the applicant and had a preliminary discussion with representatives of the local authorities.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Wm Young', is positioned above the printed name.

Sir William Young KNZM KC
Waihi North Expert Panel Chair

Appendix A - Owners and occupiers of the properties to which the substantive application relates and the land adjacent to that land

Land parcel address (or legal appellation if no address exists)		
92 Barry Road	56 Reservoir Road	98C Highland Road
20 Barry Road	3 Knowles Crescent	229 Golden Cross Road
56A Matura Road	3 Knowles Crescent	19 Wenlock Street
23 Waihi - Whangamata (SH25) Road	Waihi - Whangamata (SH25) Road	306 Waihi - Whangamata (SH25) Road
54 Barry Road	2232 State Highway 25	2313 State Highway 25
1158B Waihi - Whangamata (SH25) Road	1134 Waihi - Whangamata (SH25) Road	320A Waihi - Whangamata (SH25) Road
118 Reservoir Road	62 Reservoir Road	62 Barry Road
1158C Waihi - Whangamata (SH25) Road	407 Waihi - Whangamata (SH25) Road	1158A Waihi - Whangamata (SH25) Road
4 Knowles Crescent	102 Barry Road	100 Barry Road
51 Matura Road	1037 Maratoto Road	57E Kent Crescent
98A Highland Road	569 Trig Road	53A Matura Road
45 Trig Road North	23A Wenlock Street	18 Barry Road
49B Matura Road	98 Barry Road	98B Highland Road
64 Barry Road	40 Barry Road	58 Barry Road
121 Reservoir Road	33A Heath Road	654 Golden Valley Road
35 Heath Road	60 Barry Road	54 Matura Road
65 Willows Road	133 Trig Road North	5 Knowles Crescent
3 Moore Street	68 Barry Road	639 Golden Valley Road
132 Trig Road North	131A Savage Road	10 Boyd Road
591 Trig Road	14 Barry Road	407 Waihi Beach Road
4 Boyd Road	281 Trig Road North	107A Barry Road

386 Trig Road North	22 Wenlock Street	147 Reservoir Road
24 Wenlock Street	88 Barry Road	66 Barry Road
96 Barry Road	102 Reservoir Road	45A Heath Road
669 Golden Valley Road	56C Matura Road	10 Moore Street
57C Kent Crescent	57B Kent Crescent	507 Trig Road North
14B Moore Street	14A Moore Street	12 Moore Street
80 Barry Road	164 Reservoir Road	23 Wenlock Street
201 Corbett Road	33 Highland Road	2A Moore Street
223 Trig Road North	67 Kent Crescent	56 Barry Road
2 Boyd Road	4A Cuba Street	2121 State Highway 25
57C Kent Crescent	107B Barry Road	56B Matura Road
6 Knowles Crescent	76 Barry Road	539 Trig Road
69 Highland Road	1 Smith Street	278 Golden Cross Road
72 Barry Road	2 Moore Street	107C Barry Road
4B Cuba Street	267 Trig Road North	131 Trig Road North
1157 Waihi - Whangamata (SH25) Road	696 Golden Valley Road	91 Matura Road
38 Reservoir Road	699 Golden Valley Road	1 Boyd Road
16 Moore Street	730 Golden Valley Road	1 Moore Street
21 Boyd Road	747 Golden Valley Road	108 Barry Road Waihi 3610
29 Clarke Street	779 Golden Valley Road	11 Boyd Road Waihi 3610
50 Barry Road	8 Moore Street	12 Barry Road Waihi 3610
52 Moore Street	80 Baxter Road	10 Barry Road
124 Barry Road	682 Golden Valley Road	11 Wenlock Street
13 Boyd Road	95 Trig Road North	13 Wenlock Street
52 Clarke Street	10 Knowles Crescent	15A Wenlock Street

15B Wenlock Street	99 Barry Road	103A Barry Road
16 Wenlock Street	100 Barry Road	103B Barry Road
18 Wenlock Street	42B Mataura Road	103C Barry Road
91 Barry Road	42C Mataura Road	40A Mataura Road
47C Mataura Road	42D Mataura Road	42A Mataura Road
47D Mataura Road	42E Mataura Road	46 Matuara Road
47E Mataura Road	45B Mataura Road	52 Mataura Road
49 Mataura Road	47A Mataura Road	48 Mataura Road
49A Mataura Road	47B Mataura Road	52 Mataura Road
44 Mataura Road	Part Ohinemuri 3 Block	Part Hikutaia 3 Block
Section 16 Block VI Ohinemuri SD	Section 265 Block XVI Ohinemuri SD	Section 9 Block XI Ohinemuri SD
Section 48 Block IV Ohinemuri SD	Part Whangamata 3 Block	Part Section 13 Block XI Ohinemuri SD
Lot 5 DP 593292; Lot 7 DP 593292	Section 18 Block XI Ohinemuri SD	Section 763 TN OF Waihi
Section 15 Block XVI Ohinemuri SD	Section 1048 TN OF Waihi	Section 3 SO 60574
Part Section 6 Block XI Ohinemuri SD	Lot 3 DPS 81552	Part Section 12 Block XI Ohinemuri SD
Part Ohinemuri 2 Block	Section 14 Block VIII Ohinemuri SD	Section 7 Block VIII Ohinemuri SD
Section 10 Block XI Ohinemuri SD	Part Ohinemuri 2 Block	Part Section 61 Block XII Ohinemuri SD
Section 62 Block XII Ohinemuri SD	Section 20 Block XI Ohinemuri SD	

Appendix B – Properties whose owners and occupiers are invited to comment as other persons that the Panel considers appropriate.

17 Clarke Street	19 Clarke Street	38 Clarke Street
36B Clarke Street	7 Heath Road	11 Heath Road
17 Heath Road	23 Heath Road	29 Heath Road
33 Heath Road	33A Heath Road	45B Heath Road