

FTAA-2511-1126

Guy Hingston
Bowen Peak Limited

Email: s 9(2)(a)

Dear Guy,

Request for information on application for referral of the Powerhouse project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

The Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister) has received your application for referral of the Powerhouse project (the project) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) to the fast-track approvals process.

I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 20 of the Act to request further information on the following matters:

- 1. The indicative project timeline (Appendix 16 of the application) anticipates construction commencing around 2029 and continuing until approximately 2053, with development staged over more than two decades. The residential component would be delivered progressively, at a rate of approximately five chalets per year from 2030 to 2053. While the application identifies potential significant regional and national benefits (including economic and housing-related benefits), it is considered these may be realised only gradually over the project timeline. Although final referral decisions sit with the Minister for Infrastructure, officials are concerned at this initial stage that the significant regional and national benefits described – particularly the potential economic and housing supply benefits – may not be realised to the extent stated, given the prolonged project timeframe.*

Having regard to the indicative project timeline and the context above, please provide further assessment explaining how the project would meet the section 22(1)(a) criteria under the Act (being that the project is an infrastructure or development project that would have significant regional or national benefits). In particular (but without limiting the response), please explain how the stated significant economic benefits would be achieved over the extended duration of the project and how the stated housing supply benefits would be significant given the relatively small contribution annually. Please outline any assumptions, staging considerations, or other mechanisms that support your assessment.

If you wish to provide the information requested, you must respond within 20 working days of the date of this request. The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame.

Before the due date, please upload any information to the application portal feedback page.

Alternatively, if you wish to email the information or have any queries about this letter, please email to referral@fasttrack.govt.nz and include the name of the lead contact – Ashley Sycamore.

For assistance with the application portal or to update your account details, please email contact@fasttrack.govt.nz or phone 0800 FASTRK (0800 327 875).

Yours sincerely

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Stephanie Frame

Acting General Manager, Investment Strategy and Operations