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Ministry for the Environment – Fast Track Approvals Team

Attn: Helen Willis

Delivered via email: [referral@fasttrack.govt.nz](mailto:referral@fasttrack.govt.nz); s 9(2)(a)

**Application number:** FTAA-2604-1215  
**Applicant:** Waikato Thoroughbred Racing Inc  
**Address:** Pencarrow Road, Tamahere, Hamilton  
**Proposed activity(s):** Waikato Thoroughbred Greenfield Hub

A request for further information received on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2026, outlining a request for additional information regarding the aforementioned referral application.

We provide responses to your queries as follows:

RFI Request	Response
<p>1. The extent to which the project’s proposed indirect benefits related to ‘freeing up’ existing racing sites within urban limits for urban development are contingent on the project being delivered (for example, could those sites be divested or developed without this project being approved).</p>	<p>The existing sites occupied by Waikato Thoroughbred Racing Inc (WTR) cannot be developed without the greenfield project being approved.</p> <p>If development of the greenfield site cannot proceed, the sites will be retained as thoroughbred racing facilities, as the three sites are currently required to satisfy racing and training needs within the Waikato.</p>
<p>2. What assurances can you provide that the necessary actions to achieve those indirect benefits will be delivered, should this project be approved.</p>	<p>The disposal of the current WTR sites is required to achieve the necessary funding to allow for the project to be developed.</p> <p>Therefore, the greenfield project cannot be achieved without the existing Te Rapa, Cambridge and Waipa sites being sold or developed.</p> <p>This ensures that the indirect benefits of the greenfield project (if approved) will be delivered, as the existing sites will be surplus to requirements.</p> <p>In addition, the project is fundamental to securing the sustainable and financially viable longevity of the racing industry within New Zealand and the Waikato.</p>

I trust this response satisfies your further information requirements, and the application can continue to be processed.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions on 027 381 9340 or s 9(2)(a)

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josh Caddigan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Josh Caddigan**

**Senior Planner**