Fast-track

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

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FTAA-2607-1270

Caleb Pearson
Stillhaven Limited (the applicant)

C/- Fraser McNutt & Briar Belgrave
Barker & Associates (the agent)
Email: s 9(2)(a)

Dear Fraser & Briar

Request for further information on the referral application for the Stillhaven project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Note: The further information response must be received by **Wednesday 19 August 2026, 11.59PM.**

The Secretary for the Environment (the Secretary) has received your referral application for the Stillhaven project (the project) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). The Secretary must decide whether the referral application complies with section 14(2) of the Act within 10 working days of receipt.

I write under delegated authority from the Secretary, in accordance with section 14(3A) of the Act, to request the following additional information to assist in determining whether the application complies with section 14(2):

1. **Notification/consultation – section 11(1)(b)(ii)**
   Context: Section 11(1)(b)(ii) of the Act requires an applicant to notify relevant iwi authorities, hapū, and Treaty settlement entities in writing before lodging a referral application. The application states that "iwi engagement [was] completed with Ngāti Rekoa, Hauā, Māhanga, and Waikato-Tainui, including site visits. Written feedback still pending". *Evidence of engagement with Ngā Uri o Maahanga, Ngāti Tamainupō, and Ngāti Reko has been provided with the application (Attachments 11 and 12). However, the information provided does not clearly demonstrate that all requirements under section 11(1)(b)(ii) have been met.*

   Request: Please provide any additional information, correspondence, or evidence demonstrating compliance with section 11(1)(b)(ii) of the Act, including any correspondence with Te Whakakitenga o Waikato and Ngāti Hauā Iwi Trust in relation to the application. Note: If the information provided indicates that additional consultation or notification has occurred, further information may also be required under section 13(4)(k) of the Act.

2. **Treaty settlements – section 13(4)(j)**

   Context: *Section 13(4)(j) of the Act requires the referral application to include a list of any Treaty settlements that apply to the project area, and a summary of the relevant principles and provisions in those settlements. The application responds* "no treaty settlements apply to the project area" *to this question; however, the planning memorandum also identifies the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010.*

   Request: Please confirm whether any Treaty settlements apply to the project area. If so, please provide a list of those Treaty settlements and a summary of the relevant principles and provisions, as required by section 13(4)(j) of the Act.

3. **Other consents, certificates, designations, concessions, and legal authorisations – section 13(4)(t)**

   Context: Section 13(4)(t) of the Act requires the referral application to include an outline of the types of consents, certificates, designations, concessions, and other legal authorisations (other than contractual authorisations or proposed approvals that are part of the referral application) that the applicant considers are needed to authorise the project, including any required by a person other than the applicant. The application responds "N/A" *to this question, indicating that no such approvals or authorisations are required. Given the nature and scale of the project, it is unclear whether the applicant has considered whether any approvals or authorisations outside the fast-track approvals process may be required to facilitate the project.*

   Request: Please confirm whether any consents, certificates, designations, concessions, permits, licences, authorisations, or other legal approvals are required outside the fast-track approvals process to facilitate the project, including where those approvals would be obtained by a person other than the applicant. If so, please provide an outline of those approvals as required by section 13(4)(t) of the Act.

4. **Complex freshwater fisheries activities approvals – section 13(4)(y)(via)**

   Context: The application seeks approvals for complex freshwater fisheries activities through the fast-track approvals process. Section 13(2)(d) of the Act requires the application to include at least a general level of detail about each proposed approval. In addition, clause 2 of Schedule 9 requires information about any complex freshwater fisheries activities for which approval may be sought. The application states that a complex freshwater fisheries approval "may be required" and that the details of the activities requiring approval will be determined through further specialist assessment and consultation with the Department of Conservation during preparation of a substantive application. As a response to the information requirements under clause 2 of Schedule 9, the application also states that it is not anticipated that in-stream structures will be required, and it is anticipated that fish passage would be retained. Elsewhere the application notes that a culvert may be required.

   Request: As the application states that in-stream structures are not anticipated and that fish passage would be retained, please clarify the basis on which approval for complex

freshwater fisheries activities has been identified as a proposed approval for the project. In particular, please identify the specific complex freshwater fisheries activities that are anticipated or may reasonably be required to facilitate the project and provide, at a minimum, a general description of those activities, in line with the information requirements under clause 2 of Schedule 9 of the Act.

If you wish to provide the information requested, please respond within **5 working days** of the date of this request (refer to the due date above). The Secretary must then decide whether the referral application is complete and within scope.

By the due date, please provide the further information by replying to the covering email accompanying this letter, for the attention of the project lead – Ashiley Sycamore.

Yours sincerely



Stephanie Frame
Manager – Fast-track Operations