

Fast-Track Pre-Lodgement Consultation Summary

Purpose - This document provides a summary of information from DOC following a pre-lodgement consultation request.

Project Details

Project name:	Drury Quarry Expansion – Sutton Block
Engagement type:	Pre-lodgement engagement for a substantive application listed in Schedule 2 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.
Applicant/agent:	Chris Wedding – Terrestrial ecologist, Biosearches on behalf of the applicant Stevenson Aggregates Limited
Proposal overview:	To develop a quarry with a maximum pile depth of 60 metres over a 50 year period to be serviced using existing infrastructure and facilities.
Location:	100 hectares adjacent to the existing Drury Quarry (southeast of Drury) at 121 MacWhinney Drive, Drury, 1189 Ponga Road Drury and Ponga Road, Papakura, Auckland
Date pre-lodgement request received:	12 February 2025
Summary of pre-lodgement Consultation	
Fast track project lead DOC:	Gen Hewett – Senior Fast Track Consents Advisor (National Office)
DOC specialist input required:	Fast Track Project Lead RMA Planner Permissions Advisor(s) - Wildlife Statutory Manager (Regional Office)
DOC Permissions/ Approvals Identified by applicant in pre-lodgement request as potentially required:	Authority under Wildlife Act 1953 To relocate identified and potentially present native lizards from the impact areas to an identified area that will be managed in accordance with a management plan.
Information received from the applicant	Completed pre lodgement consultation request form Email from Chris Wedding dated 18 March 2025 Draft documents:

	• Sutton Block Project Summary • Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA), • Ecological Management Plan (EMP), • Residual Effects Analysis Report: Terrestrial Ecology (REAR-TE), • Net Gain Delivery Plan- planting plan (NGDP-PP), • Net Gain Delivery Plan- Pest and Weed Control • Net Gain Delivery Plan- Riparian and Wetland planting • Enhancement Maps • Planting Maps Information provided by Applicant on 3 April 2025 - FTAA Wildlife Approvals Checklist Sutton Block
DOC Commentary on Fast Track approvals and permissions identified: Note DOC's role in relation to specific	Wildlife Act Permissions Potential issues to consider - Refer to the additional notes below.
Treaty partners:	In the time available, DOC has not carried out a process to identify Treaty partners with interests relevant to this site. We encourage the applicant to engage directly with relevant Māori groups as required by section 29 of the Act.
Treaty Settlement implications/considerations:	In the time available, DOC has not carried out a process to identify Treaty settlement obligations specifically relevant to this site but notes for the applicant that this will form part of the section 18 report prepared by MFE. We encourage the applicant to engage directly with Iwi as required by section 29 of the Act.
Section 4 Conservation Act 1987 implications/considerations	In the time available, DOC has not carried out a process to identify section 4 implications/ considerations specifically relevant to this site.
Potential Resource Management Act (RMA) considerations and effects:	Understanding the effects of clearance of significant indigenous vegetation

DOC Statutory Planning Document considerations in relation to site (e.g. CGP/CMS/CMP):	Auckland Conservation Management Strategy 2014. https://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/our-policies-and-plans/statutory-plans/statutory-plan-publications/conservation-management-strategies/auckland/
Any specific information requests to applicant(s)/agent for pre-app engagement at this point:	Recommend further engagement prior to substantive application if project progresses.
Any further information/considerations:	Refer to the additional notes below.
Additional Notes:	While DOC will assist applicants as much as we can when they engage in pre-lodgement consultation, it is the applicants' responsibility to comply with the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 and to ensure they have applied for all permissions they need. Note that a panel will invite the statutory bodies listed in clause 4 of Schedule 7 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 to comment on the application (NZCA, conservation boards, Fish and Game Council, and Game Animal Council). We encourage applicants to engage with these bodies in advance of filing a substantive application. From the draft documents provided it appears a resource consent is sought under the RMA 1991. From a review of the information provided prior to 3 April and a verbal discussion with the applicants consultant, it was recommended that the information provided in the substantive application prepared under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 be separated out by the various approvals sought (if multiple approvals required) and all information requirements addressed. Use of clear headings for each information requirement would assist with navigating the documents. Guidance for applying for a wildlife approval under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 can be viewed here: Guidance for applying for a wildlife approval The FTAA Wildlife Approvals Checklist provided on 3 April addresses the information requirements in Schedule 7. From a review of this document the following observations are made: It is noted the Wildlife approval seeks to capture and relocate native skinks. Approval would be required to <i>capture live, kill and liberate</i>. The document references addressing the requirements of cl 2(1)(n) of Schedule 7 are missing and should be updated prior to lodging the substantive application No comments have been provided to address the requirements of cl 2(1)(o). It would be useful for additional reports or advice received to be referenced in the table.

	There is no information provided to consider the effects as a result of clearance of significant indigenous vegetation as part of the resource consent application. Any documents and supporting reports should be referenced and named. It is recommended that the applicant identify and apply for all necessary approvals required for the project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, including any potential concessions or complex freshwater fisheries activities. No approvals are required if the culverts do not impede fish passage. The updated Fish Passage Guidelines (Version 2.0) set out best-practice approaches and design standards for providing fish passage: https://niwa.co.nz/freshwater/fish-passage-home/new-zealand-fish-passage-guidelines. Please advise DOC when the substantive application is lodged with the EPA.
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