



[Draft] RE: NCPL - Notification of Referral

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Subject: NCPL - Notification of Referral

Kia ora Liam,

It was great to finally meet with you today. I thought it was a really constructive discussion and it sounds like there is some alignment around potential opportunities this project could provide for mana whenua.

As discussed, sections 11(1)(b), 11(1)(c) and 13(4)(k) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 require that, prior to formally lodging a referral application, the Applicant must notify in writing the relevant local authorities, relevant iwi authorities, hapū, Treaty settlement entities, and relevant administering agencies, and provide those parties with 20 working days to respond to the notice.

Accordingly, please see the link below to the referral application and supporting technical documentation for the proposed project being advanced by NCPL under the Act.

Can you also please forward this material on to Puketapu Hapū? As discussed, we would be more than happy to meet directly with them alongside you to discuss the Proposal in further detail.

Link:  [Referral Application](#)

NCPL intends to seek the following approvals through the Fast-track process:

- Resource consents under the Resource Management Act 1991
- Approvals under the Reserves Act 1977
- A wildlife approval under the Wildlife Act 1953
- An approval that would otherwise be applied for in respect of a complex freshwater fisheries activity under regulation 42 of the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983 (culvert or ford)
- An archaeological authority under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014

NCPL currently intends to lodge the referral application with MfE during the week beginning 15 June, following expiry of the statutory 20 working day notification period.

The Applicant remains committed to ongoing and constructive engagement as the project progresses. We suggest that engagement continues over the coming weeks, including discussions around key priorities and opportunities for iwi involvement as the Proposal develops further.

I look forward to hearing from you, give me a call anytime.

I'll also get back to you with my NRP rule assessment tomorrow.

Many thanks,

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