FTAA-2609-1300

17 November 2026

Fiona Bartier
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By email: [redacted]

Tēnā koe,

Request for further information in relation to your application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

You lodged a substantive application, Buller Plateaux Continuation, under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) on 29 October 2026.

Prior to referring a substantive application to an Expert Panel, the EPA must assess the completeness and scope of the application to ensure it complies with section 46(2) of the Act. To assist with making this assessment, under section 46(2A) of the Act the EPA may seek further information from you.

Request for Further Information

To inform the EPA's assessment of the application for completeness, please provide a response to the following matter:

1. Section 13(4)(u) of the FTAA:

whether any activities that are involved in the project, or are substantially the same as those involved in the project, have been the subject of an application or a decision under a specified Act and,—

(i) if an application has been made, details of the application:

(ii) if a decision has been made, the outcome of the decision and the reasons for it:

As part of the mandatory consultation the EPA undertook with the Department of Conservation, concerns were raised regarding s 13(4)(u). Under s 13(4)(u)(ii), the FTAA requires both the outcome of a decision and the reasons for it. Where you have identified that an activity is incorporated into the Application in document A.08B, please provide the reasoning for the decisions, pursuant to section 13(4)(u)(ii) of the FTAA.

Responding to the Request for Further Information

Under the Act, you have until the end of the 20th working day from the date of this letter to provide a response to the EPA, which is **15 December 2026.**

From the date of this letter, the 15 working day timeframe for the EPA to decide on completeness and scope of the substantive application ceases to run. The 15 working day timeframe will recommence once your response is received or after 15 December 2026, whichever is sooner.

If you wish to clarify any matter relating to the request, and the request was generated from the EPA's consultation with an administering agency or local authority, we suggest that you contact that administering agency or local authority directly before providing your response to the EPA.

If you require information from the EPA in relation to the request for further information, you may request that information from the EPA under section 46(2C) of the Act. Please send your request to bullerftaa@fasttrack.govt.nz. Please note we have attached the full response that we received during our consultation with the Department of Conservation on these matters to this letter.

The EPA intends to publish the information received from you in full, including your responses in our completeness memorandum, on the Fast-track website.

If you have any questions, please contact Emma Fahey, Application Lead by email at bullerftaa@fasttrack.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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