

Nadia Wesley-Smith Chair, Te Rūnanga ō Ōtākou Inc

Cc Brett Ellison (, Andrew Rouvi

10 December 2024

Tēnā koe Nadia

Tuia ngā hau e whā o te motu nei, tihei mauri ora. Tiakina te anamata, mā te tūhono i ngā tāngata me ngā wāhi o te inamata.

Thank you for your letter via Brett to engage on the Mahinerangi Wind Farm, specifically regarding the proposal to expand the current operations and potentially utilise the Fast Track legislation. We welcome the opportunity to meet with you rangatira ki te rangatira as mana whenua for the takiwā within which the Mahinerangi Wind Farm is located.

When contemplating our response to the Fast Track Amendment Bill one of our key principles was that we would not shortcut our engagement with mana whenua on projects that would utilise this legislation as we see this engagement as an essential and valuable part of any project. We discussed this with Aukaha at the time and sought input on how Mercury should engage with the Rūnanga.

Although the Bill has not been enacted yet we are keen to progress this project to support Aotearoa's decarbonisation goals, and we seek direction who our team should korero with regarding the cultural, environmental, social and economic impacts.

Thank you again Nadia and I look forward to meeting you a-tinana.

Nāku noa.



Stew Hamilton Chief Executive



From:
To:
Subject: Mahinerangi Wind Farm

Date: Monday, 17 February 2025 1:31:00 pm

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Kia ora Kate.

My name is Ryan Piddington, and I am the Strategic Consents Manager at Mercury. You may already be aware that Mercury has the Stage 2 for the Mahinerangi Wind Farm listed in Schedule 2 of the Fats Track Act.

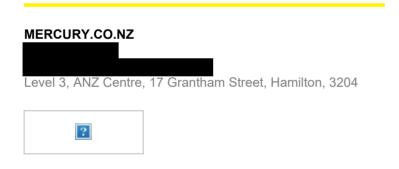
I am reaching out as would like to discuss opportunity for hui on the project and get some advice on engagement from now through until lodgement and beyond, with Aukaha, Tē Rūnanga o Ōtākou and potentially Ngai Tahu. Letters have been exchanged between the Mercury Chief Executive - Stew Hamilton and Tē Rūnanga o Ōtākou chairperson Nadia Wessely indicating our desire to engage.

It would be great to catch up and discuss who we should korero with regarding the cultural, environmental, social and economic impacts.

Ngā mihi Nā Ryan

RYAN PIDDINGTON

STRATEGIC CONSENTS MANAGER



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