

Clause 11 Consultation Requirements for Referral Application (Updated May 2026)

Clause 11	Required Notification/Consultation	Agency	Date	Recipient/Attendees	Meeting Purpose	Matters Raised/Comments	Actions
1(a)	consult— (i) any relevant applicant groups with applications for customary marine title under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011; and (ii) ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou, if the project area is within or adjacent to, or the project would directly affect, ngā rohe moana o ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou	Ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou and any groups with applications for customary marine title	N/A	N/A	N/A	The project is not anticipated to affect any group with applications for customary marine title. The project area is not within or adjacent to, or the project would not directly affect, ngā rohe moana o ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou.	N/A
(1)(b)(i)	Notify in writing - Relevant local authorities	Gisborne District Council (Unitary Authority)	29 July 2025	Tim Barry (Director Community Lifelines)	Brief GDC on Proof of Concept Scoping Report preparation.	Supportive of water storage generally. There are a range of potential locations for this and notes the Tonkin and Taylor report should be read.	Project Team reviewed Tonkin and Taylor report looking at water storage alternatives when supplied and noted that report prepared for GDC did not cover the Pouarua Site and confirmed none of the other sites looked as favourable. Present findings of Proof of Concept Scoping Report on completion in November 2025.
			4 August 2025	Gisborne Mayor Rehette Stoltz & Councillors, Rob Telfer, Andy Cranston	Brief GDC on Proof of Concept Scoping Report preparation.	Very Supportive; wants to be briefed before the release of the report; connect with Trust Tairāwhiti re their report on water security; doing work on the demand side with Aqualinc (Stuart Ford); if project is viable want to be involved in communications and promotions.	Present findings of Proof of Concept Scoping Report on completion in November 2025.
			6 August 2025	Jocelyne Allen, Director of Sustainable Futures; Charlotte Knight, Strategic Planning Manager and Sarah Thompson, Principal Policy Planner & Project team, Bridget Bosworth, Hydrologist; Leo Kelso, 3 Waters Manager & Joss Ruifrok, Regional River Manager.	Brief GDC Proof of Concept Scoping Report preparation.	General support on the concept by the GDC staff team and very appreciative of early heads up; gauging stations mentioned; GDC Infrastructure Plan just reviewed, Waipaoa min flow to lift to protect habitat.	Present findings of Proof of Concept Scoping Report on completion in November 2025.
			19 Nov 2025	Mayor Stoltz; Rob Telfer; Tony Robinson, Key Account Manager; Jocelyne Allen, Director of Sustainable Futures; Tim Barry Director Community Lifelines. Dana Kirkpatrick (East Coast MP). Government officials joined online: Venessa Winning Director of Export Growth & On Farm Support. MS Srinivasan, Principle Advisor, Glenn Webber (MPI), Haines Ellison, Director Maori Agribusiness, Lyall Anania, Regional Advisor (MPI);	Feedback on findings of the Proof of Concept Scoping Report and face to face Q&A Session	Refer to Meeting Minutes	Final Proof of Concept of Concept Report circulated. Presented findings of Proof of Concept Scoping Report. Agreed Consultation Reference Group to be established for substantive phase.

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				Siobhan Ryan and Carol Ngawati (Kanoa Regional Growth); Nicole Nepe Team leader, Ata Mangu Senior advisor and James Mitchell Senior Advisor (TPK)			
			26 Nov 2025	Tony Robinson Key Account Manager), Jocelyne Allen (Director of sustainable futures) & Sarah Thomson (senior policy planner), Tim Barry (Director Community lifelines), Joe Williams (TT).	Discussed Proof of Concept Scoping Report alignment with Council priorities and where to from here with GDC	Refer to Meeting Minutes	Invitations sent to Consultation Reference Group (CRG) which will be established during substantive phase.
(1)(b)(ii)	Notify in writing - Relevant iwi authorities, hapū, and Treaty settlement entities	Te Atianga a Mahaki Ngā Ariki Kaipūtahi	5 Aug 2025	Pene Brown (Chair) alongside Doug Jones (Chief Executive of Trust Tairāwhiti)	Brief on Proof of Concept Scoping Report preparation.	Very Supportive but don't want it to interfere with their local scheme which has been funded on Te Awapuni Moana land; they support the MAR work; Tony Robertson is their conduit with GDC. Project Team reassured Pene and Doug that this is a regional project.	Present findings of Proof of Concept Scoping Report on completion in November 2025.
			26 Nov 2025	Meeting with Pene Brown, Samuel Lewis and Dave Hawea	Briefing on Proof of Concept Scoping Report	Confirmed keen support for the project.	Include in CRG during substantive phase.
			2 April 2026		Notification in writing	No comments received	
		Te Whanau a Kai	6 Aug 2025	Dave Hawea (Chair)	Brief on Proof of Concept Scoping Report preparation.	Very supportive from cultural values & economic development view	Present findings of Proof of Concept Scoping Report on completion in November 2025.
			26 Nov 2025	Meeting with Pene Brown, Samuel Lewis and Dave Hawea	Briefing on Proof of Concept Scoping Report	Re-confirmed keen support.	Include in CRG during substantive phase.
			2 April 2026		Notification in writing	No comments received	
		Rongowhakaata	6 Aug 2025	Dr Samuel Lewis (Trustee)	Brief on Proof of Concept Scoping Report preparation.	Dr Lewis focus on Te Awapuni Moana	Presented findings of Proof of Concept Scoping Report on completion in November 2025.
			26 Nov 2025	Meeting with Pene Brown, Samuel Lewis and Dave Hawea	Briefing on Scoping Report post completion	Re-confirmed support in principle.	Include in CRG during substantive phase.
			2 April 2026		Notification in writing	No comments received	
		Ngāi Tāmanuhiri	17 Dec 2025	Beth Tupara-Katene	Email to invite to meet and discuss the findings of the Proof of Concept Scoping Report.	Beth notes that the proposal does not fall within our iwi's area of responsibility and therefore no need to meet.	Include in CRG during substantive phase.
			2 April 2026		Notification in writing	No comments received	
(1)(b)(ii)(A)	Notify in writing - Iwi authorities and groups that represent hapū that are parties to relevant Mana Whakahono ā Rohe or joint management agreements	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
(1)(b)(ii)(B)	Notify in writing - Tangata whenua of any area within the project area that is a taiāpure-local fishery, a mātaītai reserve, or an area that is subject to bylaws or	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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	regulations made under Part 9 of the Fisheries Act 1996						
(1)(b)(iii)	Notify in writing - Relevant administering agencies	Ministry for the Environment	2 April 26	James Palmer (CE)	Letter sent to notify of the referral lodgement.	Email correspondence received that MfE is no longer the relevant administering agency under the RMA	NA
		EPA	2 April 26	Dr Alan Freeth (CE)	Letter sent to notify of the referral lodgement.		
		Dept of Conservation	2 April 26	Penny Nelson (Director General)	Letter sent to notify of the referral lodgement.		
			17 April 26	Emma Fahey (Fast Track Project Lead)	Meeting to give an overview of the project and likely approvals sought.	Meeting with DOC (Emma Fahey)	Comments received on 4 May 2026, with ecologists providing a response to comments as provided in Attachment 10. Applicant to provide initial ecology assessment to DOC when finalised in early May and continue conversations during substantive phase.
		Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga	2 April 26	Dean Whiting (CE)	Letter sent to notify of the referral lodgement.	No formal comments received	NA
			14 April 26	Ben Pick	Meeting to give an overview of the project and likely approvals sought.	Meeting with NZHPT staff	Continue conversations with NZHPT during substantive phase.
		Ministry for Culture and Heritage	2 April 26	Leauanae Lulu Mac (CE)	Letter sent to notify of the referral lodgement.	The Ministry for Culture and Heritage (the Ministry) is no longer listed as an administering agency under section 4 of the Fast-track Approvals Act.	NA
		Ministry of Transport	2 April 26	Brad Ward (CE)	Letter sent to notify of the referral lodgement.	No formal comments received	N/A
		Trust Tairāwhiti	2 April 26	Doug Jones	Letter sent to notify of the referral lodgement.	No formal comments received	N/A
		NZTA	2 April 26	Brett Giddon (CE)	Letter sent to notify of the referral lodgement.	No formal comments received	N/A
			11 May 26	Sam Kay (Planner)	Meeting to give an overview of the project and likely approvals sought and construction traffic effects.	Meeting with NZTA	Seek written approval for work in designated State Highway corridors during substantive phase.
(1)(b)(iv)	Notify in writing - The holder of an interest in the land that is to be exchanged by the Crown	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Clause 13(4)(j)	Persons Affected						
(i)	Relevant local authorities	Gisborne District Council (Unitary Authority) engagement summarised above.					

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(ii)	Iwi authorities and groups that represent hapū that are parties to relevant Mana Whakahono ā Rohe or joint management agreements	N/A					
(iii)	Other relevant iwi authorities	Engagement underway as outlined above.					
(iv)	Relevant Treaty settlement entities	Engagement as stated above in regard to treaty settlements below: Rongowhakaata Claims Settlement Act 2012; and Ngāi Tāmanuhiri Claims Settlement Act 2012					
(v)	Relevant protected customary rights groups and customary marine title groups	N/A					
(vi)	Ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou, if the project area is within or adjacent to, or the project would directly affect, ngā rohe moana o ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou:	N/A					
(vii)	Relevant applicant groups under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011	N/A					
(viii)	Persons with a registered interest in land that may need to be acquired under the Public Works Act 1981	N/A					
Clause 13(4)(k)	a summary of— (i) the consultation undertaken for the purposes of section 11 and any other consultation undertaken on the project with the persons and groups referred to in paragraph (j); and (ii) how the consultation has informed the project:	As above regarding Section 11 and 13(4)(j). The consultation has informed the project by understanding the alignment of the project with GDC priorities, understanding any tensions or concerns by affected or interested parties. A range of other consultative and informative meetings have taken place with interested parties which are set out in the table below.					

OTHER CONSULTATION / DETAILS

August/September 2025

Date	Meetings/Activities	Pouarua Team
31 July	Dana Kirkpatrick was invited to meet on the 4/5 th August but is unavailable. Comments (via email): I am fully supportive of water storage projects in the right place with the right people at the table.	Susan Jones

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4 Aug	Gisborne Mayor Rehette Stoltz & Councillors, Rob Telfer, Andy Cranston (BDO Office) Comments: Supportive; to be briefed before the release of the report; connect with Trust Tairawhiti re their report on water security; doing work on the demand side with Aqualinc (Stuart Ford); if project is viable want to be involved in communications and promotions.	Tim Rhodes, Stephen Daysh, Susan Jones (Michell Daysh), Graham Boyd, Matthew Knox (Damwatch) and Andrew Dark, Aqualinc referred to as the Project Team
5 Aug	Site visit with Project Team (Tangihanga Station)	Project Team
5 Aug	Pene Brown, Te Atianga a Mahaki Chairman; & Doug Jones (CE of TT) at BDO. Comments: Supportive but don't want it to interfere with their local scheme which has been funded on Te Awapuni Moana land; they support the MAR work; Tony Robertson is their conduit with GDC.	Project Team Reassured Pene and Doug this was a regional project.
6 Aug	Taylor Howatson & Nick Briant (Ag First)	Project Team
6 Aug	Gisborne District Council Meeting (GDC Office) Jocelyne Allen, Director of Sustainable Futures; Charlotte Knight, Strategic Planning Manager and Sarah Thompson, Principal Policy Planner & Project team, Bridget Bosworth, Hydrologist; Leo Kelso, 3 Waters Manager & Joss Ruifrok, Regional River Manager. Comments: General support; gauging stations mentioned; GDC Infrastructure Plan just reviewed, Waipaoa min flow to lift to protect habitat.	Project Team
6 Aug	Tim Tietjen (BDO Office) Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) Group and NZKGI rep. Key person behind MAR project. Leader in NZ Kiwifruit group that give out licenses. Member of the freshwater advisory group.	Project Team
6 Aug	Dave Hawea, Te Whanau a Kai Chairman; Dr Samuel Lewis, Trustee of Rongowhakaata; Charlie Reynolds, Provincial President (Fed Farmers); & Leanne Roberts, Senior Environmental Policy Advisor (Hort NZ (BDO Office). Comments: Dr Lewis focus on Te Awapuni Moana; D Hawea, supportive from cultural values & economic development view; C Reynolds very supportive.	Project Team
2 Oct	Affected Landowners (Tangihanga Station) Guy & Nick Humpherys, Warick Bruce, Bridget Telfer, Stewart Hickling	Susan Jones, Stephen Daysh and Tim Rhodes

Key messages: Introducing the 1985 plan, preferred as a regional scale project, re scoping project to see if it is currently feasible. Overall agreement with all parties consulted to convene a workshop to discuss findings before the report is released publicly.

October / November 2025

2 Oct	Affected Landowner - In person brief on Proof of Concept Scoping Report preparation with Guy & Nick Humpherys, Warick Bruce, Bridget Telfer, Stewart Hickling.	Broad interest and support of concept pending more details. Agreement to return to discuss the findings of the Proof of Concept Scoping Report.
17 Nov	Introduced the project to local Māori Trustee staff (Sonya Rimene)	
18 Nov	The Māori Trustee - Introduction to the Project following completion of the initial rescoping report	Marie Baker
18 Nov	Affected Land Owners (Tangihanga Station) Nick Humpherys, Bridget Telfer, Kendal Bruce, Chris and Phill Cave, Stewart Hickling.	Project Team. - response There will be some type of commercial arrangement, yet to be determined.

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	Comments: Positive response overall. Landowners will consult with their lawyers around their individual options.	- Will need their written approval to take to fast track. - Susan Jones to send them a copy of the Scoping Study.
19 Nov	Mayor Stoltz; Rob Telfer; Tony Robinson, Key Account Manager; Jocelyne Allen, Director of Sustainable Futures; Tim Barry Director Community Lifelines. Dana Kirkpatrick (East Coast MP). Government officials joined online: Venessa Winning Director of Export Growth & On Farm Support. MS Srinivasan, Principle Advisor, Glenn Webber (MPI), Haines Ellison, Director Maori Agribusiness, Lyall Anania, Regional Advisor (MPI); Siobhan Ryan and Carol Ngawati (Kanoa Regional Growth); Nicole Nepe Team leader, Ata Mangu Senior advisor and James Mitchell Senior Advisor (TPK) Feedback on findings of the Scoping Study and Q&A Session. <i>Susan Jones kept minutes.</i>	Alan Haronga, Tim Rhodes & Stephen Daysh - Alignment to the Trust Tairawhiti Report - Relatively easy build - Landowners response – positive - Key finding site still viable today - Water harvesting required - Provides water security - No issues re technical feasibility.
20 Nov	Proof of Concept Scoping Study and meeting minutes sent to GDC staff and government development agencies who attended the 19 Nov meeting and affected landowners	Susan Jones
21 Nov	Follow on meeting with Government Officials online - Venessa Winning Director of Export Growth & On Farm Support. MS Srinivasan, Principal Advisor, Haines Ellison, Director Maori Agribusiness, Lyall Anania Regional Advisor (MPI); Siobhan Ryan (Kanoa Regional Growth) ; Nicole Nepe Team leader, Ata Mangu Senior advisor, James Mitchell Senior advisor.(TPK) Pathways going forward discussed – next meeting scheduled for 8 Dec	Tim Rhodes, Stephen Daysh & Susan Jones Questions asked - Logical steps to take forward to fast track - What is required to satisfy the process
24 Nov	Maori Trustee - Elizabeth Kamana & Marue Baker (TTP Building)	Tim Rhodes – Briefing on the Project
26 Nov	Meeting at GDC offices -discussed Proof of Concept Scoping report, alignment with Council priorities and where to from here with GDC – Tony Robinson Key Account Manager), Jocelyne Allen (Director of sustainable futures) & Sarah Thomson (senior policy planner), Tim Barry (Director Community lifelines), Joe Williams (TT). <i>Susan Jones kept minutes.</i>	Tim Rhodes, Kingi Smiler, Stephen Daysh & Susan Jones
26 Nov	Meeting with Pene Brown, Samuel Lewis and Dave Hawea – updated on the Proof of Concept Scoping Report.	Tim Rhodes, Kingi Smiler & Stephen Daysh
26 Nov	Meet with Minister Patterson (Rural Communities & Associate Minister of Agriculture (Gisborne Airport). Introduced him to the project.	Tim Rhodes, Kingi Smiler & Stephen Daysh
26 Nov	Meeting with Graeme Hansen to introduce him to the project.	Tim Rhodes, Kingi Smiler & Stephen Daysh
27 Nov	Communication Meeting to discuss the Strategy	Tim Rhodes, Stephen Daysh, Susan Jones & Lyn Harrison
27 Nov	Meeting with TPK – Nicole Nepe & Ata Mangu. Lyall Anania from MPI was an apology. We discussed funding.	Tim Rhodes, Stephen Daysh & Susan Jones
27 Nov	Meeting with Graeme Hansen to introduce the project and indicate we may engage him.	Tim Rhodes, Kingi Smiler, Stephen Daysh & Susan Jones

December 2025 / January 2026

1 Dec	Meeting with Venessa Winning Director of Export Growth & On Farm Support. MS Srinivasan, Principal Advisor, (MPI); Siobhan Ryan (Kanoa Regional Growth); Discussed funding, the time frames and steps to take prior to the meeting on the 8th.	Tim Rhodes, Stephen Daysh & Susan Jones
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2 Dec	Meeting with Nedine Thatcher Swann GDC CEO and Mayor Rehette Stoltz. Discussed how this fits with council priorities. We were informed council broadly supports but officers need some more detail before it goes to the c28 January council meeting for full approval.	Tim Rhodes, Kingi Smiler & Alan Haronga
2 Dec	Meeting with Andrew Gaddum – Eastland Port CEO. Introduced him to the project. Tim took him through the presentation and invited him to join the CRG.	Tim Rhodes, Stephen Daysh & Susan Jones
3 Dec	On-line meeting with David Battin to take him through the presentation	Tim Rhodes
4 Dec	Meeting with Sarah Thompson from GDC regarding High Flow Water Take Consent	Susan Jones, Matt Allott and Ellen Robotham
8 Dec	Meet Trust Tairawhiti - Doug Jones CEO, Hayden Green – GM business growth. Joe Williams – Business innovation manager	Tim Rhodes, Alan Haronga, Kingi Smiler, Stephen Daysh & Susan Jones
8 Dec	Meeting with Vanessa Winning Director of Export Growth & On Farm Support. MS Srinivasan, Principal Advisor (MPI); Siobhan Ryan (Kanoa Regional Growth), Haines Ellison (MPI), Lyall Anania (MPI), Tyrone Robinson (MPI), Nicole Nepe (TPK), Jamie Mitchell (TPK), Ata Mangu (TPK). Discuss budget and funding of various project stages.	Tim Rhodes, Susan Jones, Stephen Daysh, Matt Allot.
18 Dec	Full information pack sent to Gisborne office of the Māori Trustee	
21 Jan	The Māori Trustee - Sent other Neighbours letters of support and introduced the project to Sam Vivasn - Greer	

March / April / May 2026

10 Mar	Māori Trustee - Followed up and provided additional context for the scheme (Sonya Rimene)	
24 Mar	Māori Trustee - Meet with the Māori Trustee (MT) Dr Charlotte Severne to introduce and discuss the project	Dr Charlotte Severne, Sonya Rimene, Kingi Smiler
2 April	Notification letters sent out as required under Section 11 of the FTAA. 20WD to comment.	Susan Jones
10 April	Sent the Ministry of works 1985 report for Māori Trustee information	
14 April	Meeting with NZHPT to provide an overview of the project, discuss the preliminary assessment of effects and the likelihood that an archaeological authority will be sought under the substantive application.	Susan Jones and Kim Tatton (Project Archaeologist)
17 April	Meeting with DOC to provide an overview of the project, discuss the preliminary assessment of effects and the likelihood that a wildlife authority and complex freshwater fisheries approval will be sought under the substantive application.	Susan Jones and Gary Bramley (Project Ecologist)
4 May	Meeting with Calum Sinton regarding reservoir extending into NG Moore Block. The property is owned by his daughter and son in law, but Calum looks after it. He is happy with process. Tim Rhodes will send Project summary documentation to him.	Tim Rhodes
11 May	Meeting with NZTA to provide an overview of the project and the need to occupy some areas of State Highway corridor for pipeline distribution areas and written approval that will be sought in this regard.	Susan Jones and Matheus Boaretto (Project Traffic Engineer)
30 Apr	Email update with affected landowner - Nick Humpherys, Bridget Telfer, Kendal Bruce, Chris and Phill Cave, Stewart Hickling.	
4 May	Calum Sinton consulted in relation to the NG Moore block. The property is owned by his daughter and son in law, but Calum looks after it.	Briefing provided and summary documentation sent.