

27 August 2026

FTAA-2605-1231

Peter Chrisp
Director-General of Conservation
Department of Conservation (DOC)

Dear Peter

Request for report in relation to the use of public conservation land under section 19 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 for the Mangapapa Wind Farm project

Note: The due date for the section 19 report is **Monday 21 September 2026, 11.59PM.**

A referral application has been received by the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister) from Mamaku Renewables Limited (the applicant) for the Mangapapa Wind Farm project (the project) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). Project summary details are in Appendix A.

DOC previously provided comments on the project under section 17 of the Act, which were received on 23 June 2026. Since then, it has been identified that the project area includes public conservation land (as defined in the Act), specifically the Gammons Block Conservation Area. The applicant proposes to utilise existing easements across the Gammons Block Conservation Area for rights of way, electricity conveyance, and telecommunications infrastructure to facilitate the project.

Under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 19(1) of the Act, I am writing to request and obtain a report in relation to the use of public conservation land that is prepared by the Director-General of Conservation.

As specified under section 19 of the Act, the report must include the following:

1. the existing arrangements (whether formal or informal) for the administration, access to, or use of public conservation land within the project area.
2. advice on the risks to, and potential liabilities of, the Crown that relate to any proposed approvals of the kind described in *section 42(4)(e), (f), (l), or (m)* (concession, land exchange, or access arrangement).
3. if the referral application was required to include information under *paragraph (q) or (r) of section 13(4)*, advice on the matters set out in the applicable paragraph.

Please note, as required under section 19(3), the report content related to the existing arrangements and advice on risks and liabilities must be prepared in consultation with every owner, administrator, or manager of the land who is not the Crown.

Please provide the section 19 report no later than **17 working days** from receipt of this letter (refer to the due date above). If you do not consider the report can be prepared by that date, please let us know as soon as possible.

If the Minister decides to accept the application and refer the project to the fast-track approvals process, the applicant will be required to complete any preliminary steps under the Act before lodging a substantive application. If the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) deems the substantive application complete, an expert panel will be appointed to make a final decision on the required approvals.

The information you are receiving is being provided to you consistent with the statutory requirements under section 19 of the Act. The information is being provided in-confidence and may be commercially sensitive. It should not be forwarded to, and comments should not be sought from, anyone outside of your organisation.

Before the due date, please upload the report to the application portal feedback page. Alternatively, if you wish to email the report or have any queries about this letter, please email to referral@fasttrack.govt.nz and include the name of the lead contact – Antonia Croft.

For assistance with the application portal or to update your account details, please email contact@fasttrack.govt.nz or phone 0800 FASTRK (0800 327 875).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Frame', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephanie Frame
Manager – Fast-track Operations

Appendix A: Project summary details

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Appendix A – Project summary details

Application number	FTAA-2605-1231
Project name	Mangapapa Wind Farm
Applicant name	Mamaku Renewables Limited
Project summary details	The project is for the construction and operation of a large-scale wind farm covering land parcels of approximately 3,800 hectares the Mamaku Plateau, located between State Highway 29, Pyes Pā Road (State Highway 36), and State Highway 5, between Tauranga and Rotorua, in the Bay of Plenty. The project includes: - approximately 70 turbines (maximum tip height of 266 metres), - substations and an on-site battery energy storage system, internal roading, crane pads and turbine foundations, and both overhead and underground cabling, including grid connection infrastructure. - ancillary works include laydown areas, batching plants, vegetation clearance, earthworks, and water takes. - ongoing operation and maintenance of the turbines and associated infrastructure, with grid connection to the Tarukenga–Kaitemako 220 kV transmission line, for which Transpower approval has been confirmed. - The project will enable generation of approximately 1.39 Terawatt Hours (TWh) of electricity annually, with an installed capacity of around 453.6 Megawatts (MW), equivalent to power around 196,000 households. The applicant seeks the following approvals through the fast-track approvals process: - resource consents under the Resource Management Act 1991 - approvals under the Wildlife Act 1953 - an archaeological authority under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.