HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND
POUHERE TAONGA

Comments on project under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024

Alternative to Brynderwyn Hills, FTAA-2603-1178

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Introduction

1. NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (Applicant) has lodged an application for the Brynderwyn Hills section of the Alternative to Brynderwyn Hills Project (project) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the FTA Act).
2. HNZPT was consulted prior to the Applicant lodging its substantive application.
3. There are no listed heritage places located within the project area.
4. The Applicant has applied for four archaeological authorities as part of the substantive application.
5. On 29 July 2026, HNZPT provided its section 51 Report to the Panel, setting out its recommended conditions.
6. In accordance with section 53(2)(k) of the FTA Act, HNZPT has been invited to comment on the substantive application as the administering agency for the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.

Comments on Application

Archaeological Authority

7. As above, HNZPT has provided comment in relation to the archaeological authority in its s51 Report dated 29 July 2026. The recommendation to grant the authorities, subject to appropriate conditions remains HNZPT's recommendation.
8. Following this, HNZPT and the Applicant have been in discussions regarding conditions, with the aim of presenting an agreed condition set to the Panel. HNZPT appreciates the willingness and time of the Applicant to discuss these conditions. These discussions are ongoing.
9. HNZPT has also reviewed additional material uploaded to the Fast-track website, including Minutes 5 and 6, and the mana whenua, iwi and hapū entities responses.
10. HNZPT and the Applicant have been able to reach agreement on the majority of the conditions, however there are a few outstanding matters which the parties are still discussing.

11. The parties have agreed they will continue to discuss the condition set and will provide a joint memo reflecting any agreement to the Panel before it issues its draft decision and conditions. Any joint memo will be accompanied by draft archaeological authority conditions for the four authorities applied for.

12. Attached at **Appendix A** is HNZPT's recommended condition set, with some comments noting where there is ongoing discussion. Based on the progress to date, HNZPT is confident that the parties can progress matters to assist the Panel.

13. HNZPT is happy to provide any further information or detail to the Panel if required.