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Director-General of Conservation
Department of Conservation
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Tēnā koe

Request for advice and reports under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

McCallum Bros Limited has lodged a substantive application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) on 23 April 2025. The Bream Bay Sand Extraction project application relates to extracting (using a motorised trailing suction dredge) up to approximately 150,000 cubic metres of sand per annum for an initial period of 3 years and up to approximately 250,000 cubic metres per annum thereafter.

The EPA has decided that the application is complete and in scope under section 46 of the Act and provided the application to the panel convener. The substantive application seeks an approval for a wildlife approval under section 42(4)(h) of the Act.

Under section 51 of the Act, the panel convener has now directed the EPA to obtain from the Director-General of Conservation the following reports:

- In respect of the wildlife approval under **section 42(4)(h)** of the Act, a report prepared by the Director-General of Conservation in accordance with **clause 3 of Schedule 7** of the Act.

The panel convener has also directed the EPA to obtain advice from the Department of Conservation in respect of the following:

- Pursuant to section 51(1) of the Act, the Director-General of Conservation is to file a report advising how the weighting of matters set out in the relevant schedules should be approached, having regard to applicable statutory provisions and relevant senior court decisions.
- Pursuant to section 51(2)(c) of the Act, if the Director-General of Conservation does not agree with, or wishes to amplify, the expert and planning assessment lodged in support of the wildlife approval, it must file a report in accordance with Schedule 7, clause 3.

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- For the avoidance of doubt, the Director-General of Conservation may confirm and append advice previously given in response to a panel convener's directions under s 51(1) on another project and does not need to provide an assessment of the approval pursuant to s51(2)(c) if it concurs with the expert and planning assessments filed by the applicant.
- The Director-General of Conservation is to respond to the draft conditions, including any management plan attached to the application, recommending track-changed amendments (if any).

Any advice or report received will be provided by the EPA to the persons listed in section 51(5).

The panel convener has issued a Minute dated 26 February 2016 which outlines the panel convener's directions in more detail. The Minute is attached as Appendix 1 to this letter.

The Department of Conservation must provide the reports within 10 working days after the panel invites comments under section 53, in accordance with section 51(4)(a) of the Act.

If you have any questions, please contact Keely Paler, Application Lead, by email at info@fasttrack.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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