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Director-General of Conservation
Department of Conservation (DOC)

Request for further information on the referral application for the Mangapapa Wind Farm project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Note: The further information response must be received by **Thursday 24 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).

DOC previously provided comments on the project under section 17 of the Act, which were received on 23 June 2026. The following statements were included in the section 17 comments:

- *"DOC is not confident that the purpose of the existing right of way, right to convey electricity, and right to convey telecommunication easements can extend to the applicant's proposed project. If this is the case, the applicant will require a separate concession to cover this activity."*
- *"There is no guarantee that any concession sought under the Conservation Act 1987 will be approved for this activity, and a decline may leave sections of the proposed wind farm inaccessible to the applicant."*
- *"DOC is not confident that the applicant will not need to apply for easement access over Gammons Block Conservation Area ... failure to gain them may affect viability of the project and/or delay implementation."*

Following consideration of those comments, it has been identified that further information is required from DOC to inform the Minister's decision on the referral application. Accordingly, I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 20 of the Act to request the following information:

1. Please expand on DOC's statement that you are not confident the applicant can rely on the existing rights of way, rights to convey electricity, and rights to convey telecommunications easements for the proposed project, including the reasons for this view and any statutory, legal, or practical constraints that you consider may limit the applicant's ability to utilise those easements.

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2. Please identify any approvals or concessions that you consider the applicant may require under the Conservation Act 1987 to enable the project to proceed.
3. The applicant has previously advised that, if any approvals or concessions are identified as being required under the Conservation Act 1987 for the project, it intends to seek those approvals outside the fast-track approvals process. Please describe the typical process and indicative timeframe for obtaining any approvals or concessions identified in response to question 2 outside the fast-track approvals process, and how this compares to obtaining the same approvals or concessions through the fast-track approvals process.
4. Please expand on DOC's comments that failure to obtain any required approvals may affect the viability of the project and/or delay implementation, including whether you consider the matters raised in your comments could materially affect the timing or delivery of the project.
5. Please confirm whether DOC is the sole agency responsible for the management of the Gammons Block Conservation Area. If not, please identify any other party responsible for managing this land.

We note that a separate request for a report under section 19 of the Act has also been sent to DOC today. To the extent that information provided in response to this section 20 request is relevant to the section 19 report, it may be incorporated by reference rather than reproduced in full.

If you wish to provide the information requested, you must respond within **20 working days** of the date of this request (refer to the due date above). The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame.

Before the due date, please upload any information to the application portal feedback page. Alternatively, if you wish to email the information 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



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