

File ref: FTAA-2607-1265

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By Email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe,

Request for further information in relation to your application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

You lodged a substantive application, Shipyard and Drydock Facility, under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (**the Act**) on 25 August 2026.

Prior to referring a substantive application to an Expert Panel, the EPA must assess the completeness and scope of the application to ensure it complies with section 46(2) of the Act. To assist with making this assessment, under section 46(2A) of the Act the EPA may seek further information from you.

Request for Further Information

To inform the EPA's assessment of the application for completeness, please provide a response to the following matters:

1. Reclamation Area

As it pertains to the requirements of section 43(3)(a), Schedule 5, clause 8(2)(a) and 8(2)(b) require an application to identify: the location of the area to be reclaimed and if practicable, the position of all new boundaries.

While the application includes project plans showing the proposed works, it is unclear whether the plans identify the area proposed to be reclaimed and the resulting new boundaries or simply the broader project area.

Please provide clarification and, if necessary, updated plans that clearly delineate:

- **the extent of the area proposed to be reclaimed; and**
- **the position of all new boundaries resulting from the reclamation (where practicable).**

This information is required to confirm that the application satisfies the requirements of section 43(3)(a), particularly Schedule 5, clause 8(2)(a) and 8(2)(b) of the Act.

2. Wildlife Approval

In their consultation feedback, the Department of Conservation (DOC) noted that “While the location of the Shipyard site is identified, the location of kororā release sites is not identified.”

- a. Section 43(3)(h) and, in particular, Schedule 7, clause 2(1)(h) requires: A statement of the location or locations in which the activity will be carried out, including a map (and GPS co-ordinates if available).

Please provide further information regarding the location of kororā release sites.

- b. Additionally, the “Schedule 4 map” referenced in relation to clause 2(1)(h) in the application reference has not been provided with the substantive application material.

Please provide a copy of the “Schedule 4 map” if it is intended to be provided and considered as part of the substantive application.

In their consultation feedback, DOC noted that “... the application does not include offsetting or compensation associated with the relocation of kororā, should burrows be destroyed as a result of the proposal. Details of a potential release area and replacement habitat are not addressed in the application and DOC consider this information is essential for the determination of the application.”

- c. Section 43(3)(h) and, in particular, Schedule 7, clause 2(1)(k) requires: Where adverse effects are identified, state what methods will be used to avoid and minimise those effects, and any offsetting or compensation proposed to address unmitigated adverse effects (including steps taken before the project begins, such as surveying, salvaging, and relocating protected wildlife).

Please provide further information regarding offsetting or compensation methods where they have been identified.

This information is required to confirm that the application satisfies the requirements of section 43(3)(h), particularly Schedule 7, clause 2(1)(h) and 2(1)(k) of the Act.

3. Listed Project Requirements

Section 43(2) of the Act and, in particular, section 13(4)(e) requires: the anticipated commencement and completion dates for construction activities (where relevant). The comment in your application reference states “Application, s 4.13.1 (pp 92–93) and s 6.4 (pp 110–111) provide an indicative 3–5 year construction and commissioning period, but do not state anticipated calendar commencement and completion dates. Insert or confirm those dates.” Section 4.13.1 of

the application provides the construction methodology and section 6.4 provides the construction effects overview, including that “The overall construction period is expected to be approximately 3-5 years from mobilisation to completion.”

Please provide further information regarding the anticipated commencement and completion dates for construction activities.

This information is required to confirm that the application satisfies the requirements of section 43(2) of the Act.

4. Cultural Impact Assessment

The application includes Appendix 29 Draft Cultural Impact Assessment; however, a cover page was provided only. **Please provide a complete copy of the Cultural Impact Assessment if it is intended to be provided and considered as part of the substantive application.**

Responding to the Request for Further Information

Under the Act, you have until the end of the 20th working day from the date of this letter to provide a response to the EPA, which is 7 October 2026.

From the date of this letter, the 15 working day timeframe for the EPA to decide on completeness and scope of the substantive application ceases to run. The 15 working day timeframe will recommence once your response is received or after 7 October 2026, whichever is sooner.

If you wish to clarify any matter relating to the request, and the request was generated from the EPA’s consultation with an administering agency or local authority, we suggest that you contact that administering agency or local authority directly before providing your response to the EPA.

If you require information from the EPA in relation to the request for further information, you may request that information from the EPA under section 46(2C) of the Act. Please send your request to projects@fasttrack.govt.nz.

The EPA intends to publish the information received from you in full, including your responses in our completeness memorandum, on the Fast-track website.

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

Nāku noa, nā



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