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## KINGS QUARRY STAGE 2 EXPANSION – FISHERIES APPROVAL APPLICABILITY

This report has been prepared to identify fisheries approval requirements under Section42(4)(j). This report has not identified complex freshwater fisheries activities, per the definitions in Part 1-4 'Interpretation' of the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024. Activities related to fish and fisheries do not require special approval, as these activities include fish salvage, and the provision of fish passage through new culvert structures, and the removal of a weir. Table 1 provides a list of the ecological documents which form part of the Fast Track consent application which relate to fish activities

Table 1. Documents and associated acronyms referred to within this memorandum.

Document name	Acronym
Ecological Impact Assessment	EcIA
Freshwater Residual Effects Analysis Report	FW-REAP
Terrestrial Residual Effects Analysis Report	T-REAP
Ecological Management Plan	EMP
Fencing feasibility report	Ffr

## Fish salvage

Fish salvage, as referenced in Schedule 9-part 2a, will be undertaken prior to the reclamation of streams by the proposal. The methodologies to undertake the fish salvage is detailed in Section 7 of the EMP. Fish species, including their threat classification, potentially subject to the fish salvage has been identified in Section 4.4.4 of the EcIA. No sports fish are expected to be encountered during the fish salvage

## **Culvert installation**

It is noted that the EPA confirmed the offset sites and associated approvals were not included within the scope of Schedule 2 and therefore cannot be sought as part of the substantive application (refer Appendix 7 of the Substantive Application). There are no culvert installations proposed on the Kings Quarry site.

## Weir removal

A weir situated within the Waitoki Stream, acting as a partial barrier to fish passage, is proposed to be removed in accordance with the FW-REAP. This weir removal will provide for the passage of fish to the upstream reaches as vertical structures will be removed, and no new structures will be installed.

Considering the proposed activities and how they relate to freshwater fish, no approval are required under Schedule 9 complex freshwater fisheries.