

Fast Track Approval – Substantive Application Completeness Checklist – West Coast Regional Council

Adapted from the Fast Track Substantive Application Form

Table A

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5(1)(a)	A description of the proposed activity	A.01 – Project Wide Overview (pages 19 – 68) A.02 – Mining Overview (pages 69 – 91) A.04 – Project Description (pages 262 – 337)	Complete — High-level project description — Supporting technical reports provide detailed descriptions as they pertain to specific technical matters, where relevant
5(1)(b)	A description and map of the site at which the activity is to occur, including whether the site is within or adjacent to— (i) a statutory area (as defined in the relevant Treaty settlement Act); or (ii) ngā rohe moana o ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou (as defined in section 11 of the Ngā Rohe Moana o Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Porou Act 2019); or (iii) a protected customary rights area under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011	A.03 Chapter 03 – Existing Environment, Section 3.2.1, page 92 – 96 and Section 3.4.2, page 195 – 202 A.09 Chapter 09 – RMA Approvals – Statutory Assessment, Section 9.16.3, page 830 D.01 – Disturbance Areas and LUC Boundary (057_7_2_) D.18 & D.19 Pest Exclusion Fences	Complete — Descriptions of site in A.03 Chapter 03 — Various maps of site in A.03 Chapter 03, as well as D.01, D.18 & D.19 — Schedule 16 of the Regional Land and Water Plan sets out Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 Statutory Acknowledgement Areas. The BPCP is not within or adjacent to a statutory acknowledgment area — The BPCP is not within or adjacent to Ngā Rohe Moana

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			o Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Porou or a protected customary rights area
5(1)(c)	Confirmation that the consent application complies with section 46(2)(a), (b), and (d); being: • section 42; and • sections 43 and 44; and • relates solely to a listed project or a referred project; and • any fee, charge, or levy payable under regulations in respect of the application is paid.	A.09 Chapter 09 – RMA Approvals – Statutory Assessment, Section 9.2, page 722 - 723	Confirmed and complete
5(1)(d) and 5(6)	The full name and address of— (i) each owner of the site and of land adjacent to the site; and (ii) each occupier of the site and of land adjacent to the site whom the applicant is unable to identify after reasonable inquiry;	A.03 Chapter 03 – Existing Environment, Section 3.5.7, pages 238 – 257 H.1, pages 1 – 8, 72 – 85, 108 – 112 H.2, ages 1 – 5, 18 – 26	Complete — Multiple tables, maps, and accompanying Records of Title — Evidence that satisfactory effort has been made to contact all owners / occupiers
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	If the applicant is not able to supply the name and address of the owner and each occupier of the site and of land adjacent to the site because the land is Māori land in multiple ownership, the applicant must include a statement to that effect (clause 5(6)).	N/A	N/A

5(1)(e)	A description of any other activities that are part of the proposal to which the consent application relates	A.04 Chapter 04 – Project Description, entire chapter, pages 262 - 337	Complete — High level descriptions of all proposed activities related to the proposed continued mining operation and expansion
5(1)(f)	A description of any other resource consents, notices of requirement for designations, or alterations to designations required for the project to which the consent application relates	A.08 Chapter 08 – RMA Approvals, Sections 8.2 – 8.7, pages 610 – 721 A.03 Chapter 03 – Environmental Setting, Page 198 – 199	Complete — Some minor substantive matters to be resolved, not applicable to completeness assessment — There are no notices of requirements or alterations to designation proposed

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5(1)(g)	An assessment of the activity against sections 5, 6 and 7 of the Resource Management Act 1991	A.09 Chapter 09 – RMA Assessment, Section 9.3, pages 724 – 738	Complete
5(1)(h) (and also clauses 5(2) and 5(3))	An assessment of the activity against any relevant provisions in any of the following documents: • a national environmental standard: • other regulations made under the Resource Management Act 1991: • a national policy statement: • a New Zealand coastal policy statement: • a regional policy statement or proposed regional policy statement: • a plan or proposed plan: • a planning document recognised by a relevant iwi authority and lodged with a local authority. This assessment must include an assessment of the activity against the requirements set out in clause 5(3) of Schedule 5 being: • any relevant objectives, policies or rules in the documents listed; and • any requirement, condition, or permission in any rules in any of those documents; and • any other requirements in any of those documents.	A.09 Chapter 09 – RMA Assessment, Sections 9.7 – 9.16, pages 765 – 836 A.08 Chapter 08 – RMA Approvals	Complete — For mining activities and associated works, the NES-F provides that consent may only be granted where the consent authority is satisfied that: ○ The extraction of minerals will provide significant national or regional benefits; ○ There is a functional or operational need for the extraction activities to occur in the proposed location; and ○ The effects management hierarchy has been applied. — Sufficient information has been provided to enable full assessment on these matters to be made

5(1)(i)	Information about any Treaty settlements that apply in the area covered by the consent application, including— (i) identification of the relevant provisions in those Treaty settlements; and (ii) a summary of any redress provided by those settlements that affects natural and physical resources relevant to the project or project area	A.09 Chapter 09 – RMA Approvals – Statutory Assessment, Section 9.16.3, page 830	Complete
5(1)(j)	A list of any relevant customary marine title groups, protected customary rights groups, ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou (where an application is within, adjacent to or directly affecting ngā rohe moana o ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou), or applicants under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011	N/A	N/A
5(1)(k)	The conditions that the applicant proposes for the resource consent.	Part E (entire Part, Sections 01 – 09)	Complete — A complete set of draft conditions have been provided and are linked to several specific Management Plans — Conditions and Management Plans have not been reviewed in detail and will require detailed review as part of the substantive process
5(1)(l)	If a notice under section 30(3)(b) or (5) has been received,— (i) a copy of that notice showing that it was received within the time frame specified in section 30(6)(b); and (ii) if a notice has been received under section 30(5), any more up-to-date information that the applicant is aware of about the existing resource consent referred to in the notice	N/A	Complete — The covering letter attached confirms that the written notice under section 30(3)(b)/30(5), dated 18 August 2026 and prepared by West Coast Regional Council, remains accurate and final at the time of receiving the letter from the EPA, dated 24 August 2026

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5(4)(a)	An assessment of the activity's effects on the environment that includes the information required by clause 6.	A.06 Chapter 06 – Assessment of Environmental Effects A.05 Chapter 05 – Application Approach and Structure, section 5.4	Complete — Summarised within Chapter 06 and supported by numerous technical impact assessments — Consideration of alternatives relating to discharges addressed
5(4)(b)	An assessment of the activity's effects on the environment that covers the matters specified in clause 7.	A.06 Chapter 06 – Assessment of Environmental Effects	Complete
5(5)(a)	If a permitted activity is part of the proposal to which the consent application relates, a description that demonstrates that the activity complies with the requirements, conditions, and permissions for the permitted activity (so that a resource consent is not required for that activity under section 87A(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991)	A.08 Appendix 8.A – RMA Approvals – Permitted Activity Assessment, full appendix, page 1 – 41	Complete
5(5)(b)	If the activity is to occur in an area that is within the scope of a planning document prepared by a customary marine title group under section 85 of the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 or the environmental covenant prepared by ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou under section 19 of the Ngā Rohe Moana o Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Porou Act 2019, an assessment of the activity against any resource management matters set out in that document	N/A	N/A
5(5)(c)	If the activity is to occur in an area that is taiāpure-local fishery, a mātaitai reserve, or an area that is subject to bylaws made under Part 9 of the Fisheries Act 1996, an assessment of the effects of the activity on the use or management of the area	N/A	N/A

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6(1)(a)	An assessment of the actual or potential effects on the environment	A.06 Chapter 6 Assessment of Environmental Effects, entire chapter, pages 402 – 543 Part B - Technical Reports: B.01 – B.55 Part C - Peer Reviews: C.01 – C.16	Complete — the AEE is sufficiently detailed and supported by 55 primary technical assessments and 16 peer reviews to enable the actual and potential effects of the BPCP to be assessed
6(1)(b)	If the activity includes the use of hazardous installations, an assessment of any risks to the environment that are likely to arise from such use	N/A	No comment, Buller District Council matter
6(1)(c)	If the activity includes the discharge of any contaminant: i. the nature of the discharge and the sensitivity of the receiving environment to adverse effects; and ii. any possible alternative methods of discharge, including discharge into any other receiving environment	A.06 Chapter 06 – Assessment of Environmental Effects, Section 6.5 & Section 6.18 A.05 Chapter 05 – Application Approach and Structure, Section 5.4 Part B – Technical Reports: B.12, B13 & B28	Complete — AEE provides a summary of discharges to water and air — Technical reports in Part B provide detail, including detailed characterization of discharges and effects on the receiving environment — Chapter 05 summarises alternative methods considered

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6(1)(d)	A description of the mitigation measures (including safeguards and contingency plans where relevant) to be undertaken to help prevent or reduce the actual or potential effect of the activity	A.06 Chapter 6 Assessment of Environmental Effects, Section 6.21 & Table 6.3 A.07 Chapter 07 Management and Monitoring of Effects Part G – Management Plans	Complete — Summary provided in Table 6.3 — 26 Management Plans in Part G detail the mitigations to prevent / reduce the actual or potential effects of the activity
6(1)(e)	Identification of persons who may be affected by the activity	A.06 Chapter 6 Assessment of Environmental Effects, Section 6.4 A.05 Chapter A.05 Application Approach & Structure, Section 5.3 F.01 BPCP Stakeholder & Community Engagement Report F.03 Affected Party Approvals	Complete
6(1)(f)	If iwi or hapū elect not to respond when consulted on the proposal, any reasons that they have specified for that decision:	N/A	N/A

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6(1)(g)	If the scale and significance of the activity's effects are such that monitoring is required, a description of how the effects will be monitored and by whom, if the activity is approved	A.07 Chapter 07 Management and Monitoring of Effects, entire chapter, pages 544 – 609 Part G Management Plans (G.01 – G.26)	Complete — The management and monitoring framework links the technical reports and specialist impact assessments, with effects management approaches (Management Plans), and draft conditions of consent — Monitoring recommendations from technical / impact assessment reports are included in Management Plans and conditions — Note, the detailed content of each set of documents has not been reviewed in detail
6(1)(h)	An assessment of any effects of the activity on the exercise of a protected customary right.	N/A	N/A
7(a)	Any effect on the people in the neighbourhood and, if relevant, the wider community, including any social, economic, or cultural effects:	A.06 Chapter 06 – Assessment of Environmental Effects, Section 6.3.1 (economic effects), Section 6.3.2 (social effects) and Section 6.4 (cultural effects)	Complete

7(b)	Any physical effect on the locality, including landscape and visual effects	A.06 Chapter 06 – Assessment of Environmental Effects, Section 6.11 (landscape, natural character and visual effects) Part B – Technical Reports: B20	Complete — Regional considerations including the physical effects of the proposal on the locality, including landscape and visual effects associated with wetlands and riverbeds, are summarized in Chapter 06 and assessed in detail in the technical reports in Part B
7(c)	Any effect on ecosystems, including effects on plants or animals and physical disturbance of habitats in the vicinity	A.06 Chapter 06 – Assessment of Environmental Effects, Section 6.6 (freshwater ecology), Section 6.7 (terrestrial and wetland ecology) and Section 6.8 (effects of pest exclusion fences) Part B – Technical Reports: B1 – B11	Complete
7(d)	Any effect on natural and physical resources that have aesthetic, recreational, scientific, historical, spiritual, or cultural value, or other special value, for present or future generations	A.06 Chapter 06 – Assessment of Environmental Effects, entire chapter Part B – Technical Report: B36 (Ngāti Waewae Cultural Impact Assessment)	Complete
7(e)	Any discharge of contaminants into the environment and options for the treatment and disposal of contaminants	A.06 Chapter 06 – Assessment of Environmental Effects, Section 6.5 & Section 6.18 A.05 Chapter 05 – Application Approach and Structure, Section 5.4	Complete — Assessed under 6(1)(c)

		Part B – Technical Reports: B.12, B13 & B28	
7(f)	Any unreasonable emission of noise	N/A	No comment, Buller District Council jurisdiction
7(g)	Any risk to the neighbourhood, the wider community, or the environment through natural hazards or hazardous installations	A.06 Chapter 06 – Assessment of Environmental Effects, Section 6.10, pages 497 – 500 Part B – Technical Reports: B37 – B42	Complete — Summary of natural hazards within Chapter 06 — Technical reports assess geotechnical (including EQ loadings), flood, extreme rainfall driven erosion, and failure of MIW infrastructure
8	Information required in application for subdivision or reclamation	N/A	N/A
9	Information required in application including standard freshwater fisheries activity	A.13 Chapter 13 – Freshwater Fisheries Approvals and Dispensations, entire chapter A.13A Appendix 13.A Complex Freshwater Fisheries Approval A13B Appendix 13.B Complex Freshwater Fisheries Dispensation	Complete
10	Information required in application for change or cancellation of condition	As per clause 5 to 7	Complete, as per relevant parts of clause 5 to 7 — Information is provided in sufficient detail to assess proposed changes to existing Cypress Mine consent conditions, and the effects of those changes to satisfy the clauses 5 to 7

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13(4)(a)	A description of the project and the activities it involves	A.01 Chapter 01 –Project Wide Overview, Section 1.2 A.04 Chapter 04 – Project Description	Complete
13(4)(c)	Information to demonstrate that the project does not involve any ineligible activities (other than activities that may be the subject of a determination under section 23 or 24)	A.01 Chapter 01 Project Wide Overview, Section 1.9	Complete
13(4)(d)	A description or map of the whole project area that identifies its boundaries in sufficient detail to enable consideration of the referral application	A.01 Chapter 01 Project Wide Overview, Section 1.2 D.01 Disturbance Areas and LUC Boundary	Complete
13(4)(e)	The anticipated commencement and completion dates for construction activities (where relevant)	A.04 Chapter 04 Project Description, Section 4.3, page 264	Complete
13(4)(f)(i)	A statement of whether the project is planned to proceed in stages and, if so an outline of the nature and timing of the stages	A.04 Chapter 04 Project Description, Section 4.3, page 264	Complete
13(4)(h)	A description of the anticipated and known adverse effects of the project on the environment	A.06 Chapter 06 Assessment of Environmental Effects	Complete
13(4)(i)	A statement of any activities involved in the project that are prohibited activities under the Resource Management Act 1991	N/A	N/A

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13(4)(j)	A list of the persons and groups the applicant considers are likely to be affected by the project, including— (i) relevant local authorities (ii) iwi authorities and groups that represent hapū that are parties to relevant Mana Whakahono ā Rohe or joint management agreements (iii) other relevant iwi authorities (iv) relevant Treaty settlement entities (v) relevant protected customary rights groups and customary marine title groups (vi) ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou, if the project area is within or adjacent to, or the project would directly affect, ngā rohe moana o ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou (vii) relevant applicant groups under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 (viii) persons with a registered interest in land that may need to be acquired under the Public Works Act 1981	A.05 Chapter A.05 Application Approach & Structure, Section 5.3.1 F.01 BPCP Stakeholder & Community Engagement Report F.03 Affected Party Approvals	Complete
13(4)(k)	A summary of (i) the consultation undertaken for the purposes of section 29 and any other consultation undertaken on the project with the persons and groups referred to in paragraph (j); and (ii) how the consultation has informed the project	A.05 Chapter A.05 Application Approach & Structure, Section 5.3.1 – 5.3.5 A.01 Chapter 01 Project Wide Overview, Section 1.2 F.01 BPCP Stakeholder & Community Engagement Report	Complete

13(4)(ka)	A summary of how any responses provided to the notification under section 29(1)(aa) have informed the project	A.05 Chapter A.05 – Application Approach and Structure Section 5.3, pages 361 – 372 F.01 BPCP Stakeholder and Community Engagement Report, entire report	Complete
13(4)(l)	A list of any Treaty settlements that apply to the project area, and a summary of the relevant principles and provisions in those settlements	A.09 Chapter A.9 – RMA Approvals – Statutory Assessment, Section 9.16.3, page 830	Complete
13(4)(m)	A description of any processes already undertaken under the Public Works Act 1981 in relation to the project	N/A	N/A
13(4)(n)	A statement of any relevant principles or provisions in the Ngā Rohe Moana o Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Porou Act 2019	N/A	N/A
13(4)(o)	Information identifying the parcels of Māori land, marae, and identified wāhi tapu within the project area	N/A	N/A
13(4)(p)	A statement of whether the applicant is seeking a determination under section 23 and, if so, an assessment of the effects of the activity on the relevant land and on the rights and interests of Māori in that land	N/A	N/A

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13(4)(q)	A statement of whether the applicant is seeking a determination under section 24(2) and, if so, a description of (i) the scale and adverse effects of the existing electricity infrastructure; and (ii) (ii) how, if at all, that scale or those adverse effects are anticipated or known to change as a result of the maintenance, upgrading, or continued operation of the infrastructure	N/A	N/A
13(4)(r)	A statement of whether the applicant is seeking a determination under section 24(4) and, if so, (i) a description of every alternative site considered by the applicant (or, if the referral application is lodged by more than 1 person, any of those persons) for the construction and operation of the new electricity lines (the activity); and (ii) for each alternative site considered: (A) a statement of the anticipated and known financial cost of undertaking the activity; and (B) a description of the anticipated and known adverse effects of undertaking the activity; and (C) a description of the anticipated and known financial cost and practicality of available measures to avoid, remedy, mitigate, offset, or compensate for the anticipated and known adverse effects of the activity; and (D) a description of any issues (including financial cost) that would make it impractical to undertake the activity on the site; and (E) an assessment of whether it would be reasonable and practical to undertake the activity on the site, taking into account the matters referred to in subparagraphs (A) to (D) and any other relevant matters	N/A	N/A

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13(4)(s)	A description of the applicant's legal interest (if any), or if the application is lodged by more than 1 person, the legal interest of any of those persons) (if any), in the land on which the project will occur, including a statement of how that affects the applicant's ability to undertake the work	A.01 Chapter A.01 – Project Wide Overview, pages 19 – 68	Complete
13(4)(t)	An outline of the types of consents, certificates, designations, concessions, and other legal authorisations (other than contractual authorisations or the proposed approvals) that the applicant considers are needed to authorise the project, including any that the applicant considers may be needed by someone other than the applicant	A.01 Chapter A.01 – Project Wide, Section 1.8, pages 44 – 55	Complete
13(4)(u)	Whether any activities that are involved in the project, or are substantially the same as those involved in the project, have been the subject of an application or a decision under a specified Act and, (i) if an application has been made, details of the application (ii) if a decision has been made, the outcome of the decision and the reasons for it	A.08B Appendix 8.B Existing Authorisations and their Relationship with the Application	Complete
13(4)(v)	A description of whether and how the project would be affected by climate change and natural hazards	A.06 Chapter 06 – Assessment of Environmental Effects, pages 402 – 543	Complete — No explicit climate assessment referenced, although climate change is referenced as being incorporated into design frameworks for water management and infrastructure — Technical reports may address climate change and related natural hazard risk in greater detail but these have not yet

			been reviewed
13(4)(w)	If the application is lodged by more than 1 person, a statement of the proposed approval to be held by each of those persons	A.01 Chapter A.01 – Project Wide Overview, pages 19 – 68	Complete — The application identifies four related entities with approvals to be allocated to the relevant entity or entities identified in Table 1.3
13(4)(x)	A summary of compliance or enforcement actions (if any), and the outcome of those actions, taken against the applicant (or if the application is lodged by more than 1 person, any of those persons) under a specified Act	A.09 Chapter A.09 RMA Approval – Statutory Assessment, Section 9.5.5, page 748	Complete
13(4)(y)(i), clause 2 of Schedule 5	(a) An assessment of the project against – (i) Any relevant national policy statement; and (ii) Any relevant national environmental standards; and (iii) If relevant, the New Zealand Coastal policy Statement; and (b) In relation to any proposed approval that is a resource consent, whether, to the best of the applicant’s knowledge, there are any existing resource consents of the kind referred to in section 30(3)(a). [competing applications]	A.09 Chapter A.09 RMA Approvals – Statutory Assessment, Section 9.8 (NZCPS), Section 9.9 (NESs), Section 9.10 (NPS-FM), Section 9.11 (NPS-IB) A.09A Appendix 09 Relevant Statutory Provisions	Complete — The covering letter attached confirms that the written notice under section 30(3)(b)/30(5), dated 18 August 2026 and prepared by West Coast Regional Council, remains accurate and final at the time of receiving the letter from the EPA, dated 24 August 2026
13(4)(y)(ii), clause 3 of Schedule 5	Change or cancellation of resource consent condition The information to be provided under section 13(4)(y)(ii) is information about whether and how the change or cancellation of the condition is material to the implementation or delivery of the project.	A.09 Chapter A.09 RMA Approvals – Statutory Assessment, Section 9.6 A.08C Appendix 8.C Cypress Consent Variations	Complete