



TO: Gibbons Co

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SCHEDULE OF CONSULTATION WITH MĀORI

I have been asked by Gibbons Co to complete for Ridgeburn a schedule of matters that requires consultation with Māori under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (**FTAA**). This memo includes a summary of the information requirements for the referral application and the engagement requirements for the substantive application. Detailed Treaty Settlement and Iwi Management Plan matters are specifically addressed in my memo titled 'Assessment of Ngāi Tahu Settlement and Iwi Management Plans.'

REFERRAL APPLICATION – SECTION 18 REPORT

Queenstown Lakes and the project area is in the Ngāi Tahu takiwā. No other iwi or hapū have a claim to the district. The principles and provisions of the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 (**Settlement Act**) and corresponding Ngāi Tahu Deed of Settlement 1997 apply. Fisheries Treaty Settlements and enabling legislation are not relevant as there are currently no mātaihai or taiāpure reserves in the district (see Appendix 2) nor are there any aquaculture, Takutai Moana, or ngā rohe moana o ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou matters.

For the Referral Application, the section 18 report undertaken by the Ministry for the Environment found no gaps or contrary information to that provided by Gibbons Co. Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki and Te Ao Mārama Inc provided a neutral position on the referral application, and both noted that Gibbons Co was continuing to work with them to understand the impacts of the project on cultural values and connections, and whether those impacts can be mitigated.

The Minister for Māori Affairs supported the application subject to the applicant continuing to engage with the identified Māori groups as outlined in the Ministry for the Environment's s.18 report.

SUBSTANTIVE APPLICATION

As directed by Papatipu Rūnanga, Gibbon Co has directly engaged with Kā Rūnaka and Te Ao Mārama while keeping Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu informed.

Entity	Role/Reason
Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT)	Post-Settlement Governance Entity Iwi Authority Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Act 1996
Kāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnaka e Whitu Referred to as 'Kā Rūnaka'	Seven Papatipu Rūnanga with shared interests in the district Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu (Declaration of Membership) Order 2001
Aukaha	Environmental entity of Papatipu Rūnaka with shared interests in the project area
Te Ao Mārama Inc (TAMI)	Environmental entity of Papatipu Rūnaka with shared interests in the project area

Kāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnaka e Whitu is a collective term for the seven Papatipu Rūnaka who have shared interest in the district and project area, being:

- Te Rūnaka o Moeraki, based in Moeraki
- Kāti Huirapa ki Puketeraki, based in Karitane
- Te Rūnaka o Ōtākou, based on the Otago Peninsula
- Waihōpai Rūnaka, based in Invercargill
- Te Rūnaka o Awarua, based in Bluff
- Te Rūnaka o Ōraka-Aparima, based in Riverton
- Hokonui Rūnaka, based in Gore.

Te Ao Mārama Inc provided Gibbons Co with a Cultural Impact Assessment on 3 March 2026. Noting the findings of the Cultural Impact Assessment and specifically the limitations on page 6, Gibbons Co continues to work with Te Ao Mārama Inc on addressing the recommendations and cultural impacts outlined in the table (starts p.11), and what pathways and methods are to be used.

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APPENDIX 1: DETAILED ANALYSIS OF FAST-TRACK APPROVALS ACT 2024

Act Requirements	Referral Analysis	Substantive Application
s. 11(b)-(d) Consultation requirements	Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Iwi authority – Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Act 1996 Post-Settlement Governance Entity – Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998	• Consultation began in 2025 prior to lodgement of the referral application • TRONT has deferred its comments to Kā Rūnaka and Te Ao Mārama Inc.
	Kāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnaka e Whitu	• Neutral position on referral application from Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki. • Reserves the right to provide additional comments after lodgement of the substantive application.
	Aukaha Environmental entity of Papatipu Rūnanga – Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (Declaration of Membership) Order 2001	• No comment on referral application. Te Ao Mārama Inc undertaking this work on behalf of Kā Rūnaka.
	Te Ao Mārama Inc Environmental entity of Papatipu Rūnanga – Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (Declaration of Membership) Order 2001	• Consultation began in 2025 prior to lodgement of the referral application • Site visit with Gibbons Co in February 2026. • Prior to lodgement of substantive application, Te Ao Mārama Inc provided a Cultural Impact Assessment. • Reserves the right to provide additional comments after lodgement of the substantive application.
s7(1) Obligation relating to Treaty Settlements and recognised customary rights	<i>Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act and Ngāi Tahu Deed of Settlement 1997</i> • The Act consists of an apology from the Crown, Aoraki, and economic, cultural, and non-tribal redress. The redress mechanisms include: dual place names; statutory acknowledgements; tōpuni; deeds of recognition; right of first refusal; nohoanga entitlements; taonga species management; tribal properties and high country stations; transfer of Crown assets; vesting of	• Addressed in the Referral Application and supported in the s. 18 Report. • TAMI advised on Principles in the Referral Application that are discussed in the memo <i>Assessment of the Ngāi Tahu Settlement</i>. • Only the Ngāi Tahu Treaty Settlement has been identified to apply to the project area. Takutai Moana and Fisheries Settlements do not apply to the project area. • There are no mana whakahono or joint management agreements covering the project area.

	reserves; legal amendments; seats on boards. • Relevant principles for the project area from the Act and its related Deed of Settlement may include upholding rangatiratanga in the Ngāi Tahu takiwā, mahinga kai, taonga species, customary fisheries, ki uta ki tai, and acting in good faith. How these principles are applied within the project area and demonstrated through the proposal continue to be discussed with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. • There are no specific settlement provisions that include or cover the project area.	
s14(4)(o) Information identifying the parcels of Māori land, marae, and identified wāhi tapu within the project area	The project area is in the takiwā of Ngāi Tahu. No redress lands, entitlements, or vesting are known to be in the project area. There is no identified Māori land within the project area. Wāhi tūpuna layers are outlined in Chapter 39 of the proposed Queenstown Lakes District Plan. No marae are identified or known to be in the project area. No identified, known, or recorded wāhi tapu are in the project area (DOC, HNZPT, and QLDC lists).	• Addressed in the Referral Application and supported in the s. 18 Report. • No redress lands, entitlements, or vesting are in the project area or directly affected by the proposal. • There are no marae identified or known in the project area. • There are no identified wāhi tapu in the project area. • Rock art is suspected to be in the area and an investigation is to be undertaken by Ngāi Tahu as provided for draft consent conditions. • The Kawarau River wāhi tūpuna is adjacent to the lower terrace of the project area.
s18 Report on Treaty Settlements and other obligations		• Treaty Settlement matters were identified in the Referral Application. The s. 18 Report came to the same conclusions as outlined in the Referral Application.

Schedule 5 – RMA

6(1)(b) description and map of the area	The Settlement Act applies to this district. There are no statutory areas in the project area. However, it should be noted that there are statutory acknowledgements/ deeds of recognition for Whakatipu Waimāori and the Mata-au Clutha River.	- There are no statutory areas in or adjacent to the project area. - Takutai Moana and Fisheries Settlements do not apply to the project area. - There are no mana whakahono or joint management agreements covering the project area.
6(1)(h) planning document recognised by a relevant iwi authority and lodged with a local authority.		- Two iwi management plans cover the Queenstown Lakes District: <u>Te Tāngi a Tauria – The Cry of the People</u> administered by Te Ao Mārama Inc on behalf of Papatipu Rūnaka. <u>Kāi Tahu ki Otago Natural Resource Management Plan</u> administered by Aukaha on behalf of Papatipu Rūnaka. - These documents and relevant matters have been identified in the memo, <i>Summary of Iwi Management Plans</i> and are addressed by TAMI in Appendix 2 of the Cultural Impact Assessment.
6(1)(i) Information about any Treaty settlements that apply in the project area, (i) identification of the relevant provisions in those Treaty settlements; (ii) a summary of any redress provided by those settlements that affects natural and physical resources relevant to the project or project area.	No relevant provisions have been identified. The Settlement Act includes economic, cultural, and non-tribal redress.	- The Settlement Act applies to the project area. - Consideration was given in the ecological report to the cultural, spiritual, historic, and traditional association of Ngāi Tahu with the taonga species (s.288 Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act) identified in schedules 97 and 98. - Prior to lodgement of substantive, no additional comments were provided to that supplied by TAMI in the referral application.
6(1)(j) A list of any relevant customary marine title groups, protected customary rights groups	N/A	- Addressed in the Referral Application and supported in the s. 18 Report. - Takutai Moana and Fisheries Settlements do not apply to the project area. - The project area is in the takiwā of Ngāi Tahu.

7 Matters to be considered in the AEE		• Prior to lodgement of substantive application, Te Ao Mārama Inc provided a Cultural Impact Assessment. That Assessment is addressed in the AEE and used to formulate the draft consent conditions.
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APPENDIX 2: FISHERIES (SOUTH ISLAND CUSTOMARY FISHING) REGULATIONS

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