

Good morning Jennifer Caldwell (Chair) and expert panel members,

Thank you for your invitation to comment on the Arataki project under the FTAAs.

Forest & Bird has considered the proposal and concluded that the development will not directly affect the operation of its Hastings-Havelock North branch nursery located at 104 Arataki Road.

Forest & Bird has provided a letter to the owners of [REDACTED] (Sarah Johnstone / Shaggy Range) supporting their efforts in seeking good environmental outcomes for the neighbouring Arataki development. This includes suggestions on native tree planting to support connectivity with Arataki reserve and Te Mata Peak. We understand that letter will be attached to the comments of Shaggy Range provided to the expert panel on the Arataki project.

Ngā mihi,

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Tēnā koe

Notice of application by CDL Land New Zealand Limited, and invitation to comment under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Notice of Application

On 23 July 2025, CDL Land New Zealand Limited lodged an application with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for the Arataki project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). The application included applying for the following:

an approval described in section 42(4)(a) or (d) (resource consent or designation).

On 12 August 2025 the EPA determined that the application complied with section 46(2) of the Act. On 26 August 2025 the EPA decided under Ministerial delegation that the application does not have competing applications [or existing resource consents] under section 47 of the Act and has now referred the application to the Arataki expert panel (the Panel) for processing and decision.

A copy of the application(s) and supporting documents can be accessed on the Fast-track website: <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/arataki>

Invitation to Comment

The Panel invites you to comment on the above application under sections 53 and 54 of the Act.

If you wish to comment on the application, please submit your comments to the Fast-track Team by email to substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz with the project name in the subject line. A response form is enclosed to assist you with providing relevant details.

To assist timeframes to be met, email is the preferred method for response, if you are unable to submit your comments digitally, you may respond by post to Arataki Fast-track Application, Environmental Protection Authority, Private Bag 63002, Waterloo Quay, Wellington 6140.

Your comments must be received by the Fast-track Team no later than 13 November 2025.
There is no right for you (or any other person) to seek a waiver of this time limit.

The Fast-track Team will forward copies of any comments received to CDL Land New Zealand Limited and the Panel.

If you comment on the application, the Panel will also invite you to comment on the draft conditions at a later stage. If you do not comment on the application, you will be notified of the decision on the application when it is made.

Important information

Your personal information will be held by the EPA and used in relation to the project consent application process. You have the right to access and correct personal information held by the EPA. Certain information in relation to your comments on the application will become public as the EPA will publish a copy of your comments on the Fast-track website.

If you are a corporate entity making comments on this application, your full contact details will be publicly available. For individuals, your name will be publicly available, but your contact details (phone number, address, and email) will not be publicly available.

All information held by the EPA is subject to the Official Information Act 1982. If you believe any of the information you provide is confidential or sensitive and should be withheld from publication, please highlight the information concerned and provide an explanation to support your request for withholding it.

Minute of the Expert Panel

On 15 October 2025, the Panel released Minute 2 regarding this invitation to comment. This Minute can be read on the Fast-track website: <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/arataki/substantive-application>

Further Information

More information on the fast-track consenting process can be found at <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/>

More information on commenting on Fast-track consenting can be found at <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/process/comments>

If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Bougen by email at substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

Fast-track Team



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