

14 September 2026

Attention: Gabby Storey (Application Lead)

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Te Mana Rauhi Taiao

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Tēnā koe Gabby,

RE: FTAA-2607-1265 – Northland Shipyard and Drydock Facility – Response to request for further information under section 46(2A)

This is a response to the Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) letter dated 9 September 2026 requesting further information in relation to the substantive application for the Northland Shipyard and Drydock Facility (Project).

A response to each of the matters raised is set out below. Supporting plans are attached as identified in the response.

1. Reclamation Area

The EPA has requested clarification of the extent of the proposed reclamation and the position of any new boundaries resulting from the reclamation, for the purposes of section 43(3)(a) and clauses 8(2)(a) and (b) of Schedule 5 of the FTAA.

MBIE has had an updated plan prepared which clearly distinguishes:

- (a) The area of the Project comprising reclamation below mean high water springs (MHWS); and
- (b) Those components of the Project situated landward of MHWS.

The updated plan is provided as **Attachment 1** to this response.

No new cadastral boundaries resulting from the reclamation have been defined at this stage. Accordingly, there are no additional cadastral boundary lines to identify on the plan at this time. The extent of the land proposed to be created by reclamation is, however, clearly delineated by reference to the existing MHWS and proposed reclamation extent.

MBIE considers that **Attachment 1** provides the clarification sought by the EPA for the purposes of clauses 8(2)(a) and (b) of Schedule 5.

2. Wildlife Approval

(a) Kororā release sites

A plan identifying the proposed kororā release sites is provided as **Attachment 2** to this response (this is also the Schedule 4 map addressed in (b) below).

This plan provides the location information requested by the EPA for the purposes of section 43(3)(h) and clause 2(1)(h) of Schedule 7 of the FTAA.

(b) Schedule 4 map

The Schedule 4 map referred to in the Wildlife Act approval application was inadvertently omitted from the substantive application material.

A copy of the Schedule 4 map is provided as **Attachment 2** to this response and is intended to form part of the substantive application material.

(c) Offsetting or compensation

No offsetting or compensation is proposed in relation to kororā, noting that it is not mandatory to do so.

That said, the potential effects on kororā are proposed to be managed through the avoidance, minimisation and mitigation measures set out in the substantive application, Kororā Management Plan and proposed conditions, including pre-construction surveys, protection of occupied habitat, relocation where authorised and required, and monitoring.

The Project will also provide replacement potential habitat through the new rock revetment.

On that basis, no unmitigated residual adverse effect has been identified for which separate offsetting or compensation might be proposed.

3. Listed Project Requirements

The EPA has requested anticipated commencement and completion dates for construction activities for the purposes of section 13(4)(e) of the FTAA.

Subject to relevant government approvals, if various commercial and procurement activities and site investigations were taking place in parallel with consideration of the consent application, then physical works could commence on site as early as December 2027/January 2028 – allowing for project completion between 2031–2033 (depending on staging of works). If a sequential programme of activities was undertaken, the start date

for physical works would be delayed and project completion dates would need to be adjusted accordingly.

4. Cultural Impact Assessment

The EPA has noted that Appendix 29 to the substantive application comprises a cover page for a Draft Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) and has requested a complete copy of the CIA if it is intended to be provided and considered as part of the substantive application.

As outlined in the substantive application material, on 10 August 2026, Patuharakeke has provided an Interim Draft Cultural Impact Assessment ("CIA") to MBIE. Patuharakeke advised MBIE that publication of the Interim Draft CIA in its current form was not acceptable as it contains sensitive information and its publication would cause serious offence to tikanga Māori. This position is reflected in the Applicant Summary at 6.20 (a).

In light of this advice, MBIE has not included the Interim Draft CIA as part of the substantive application material for the project. MBIE's engagement with Patuharakeke and other iwi/hapū groups remains ongoing, and a publication version of Patuharakeke's CIA is being advanced. MBIE intends to provide a publication version of Patuharakeke's CIA when received from Patuharakeke. MBIE will also consider providing Patuharakeke's Interim Draft CIA to the expert panel, once constituted, should the expert panel confirm an appropriate non-publication order (refer to clause 11 of Schedule 3 of the FTAA).

MBIE requests that processing of the application recommences.

Yours faithfully



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Planner / Director

Attachments

- 1: Plan identifying the reclamation area below MHWS and Project works landward of MHWS
- 2: Schedule 4 map

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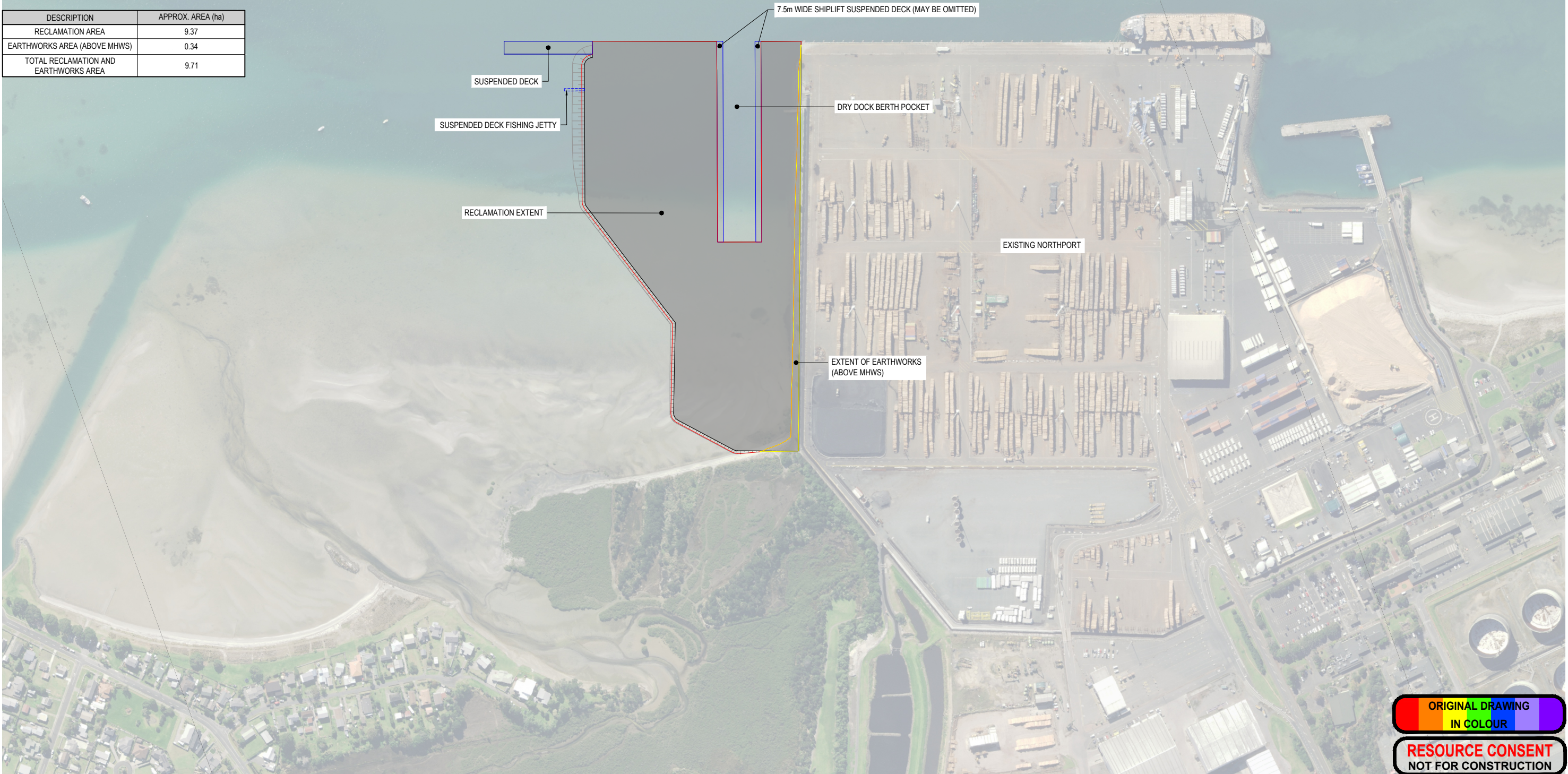
NOTES:

- 1. AREAS SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE BASED ON THE CONCEPT DESIGN FOOTPRINTS SHOWN ON THIS DRAWING. SHIPLIFT SUSPENDED DECK MAY BE OMITTED.
- 2. EARTHWORKS SHOWN ARE LIMITED TO THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECLAMATION WORKS. OTHER PROJECT EARTHWORKS (INCLUDING THE ACCESS ROAD AND CAR PARKING) OUTSIDE OF THE AREA SHOWN ARE EXCLUDED.

LEGEND:

- RECLAMATION EXTENT
- SUSPENDED DECK EXTENT
- EXTENT OF EARTHWORKS (ABOVE MHWS)

DESCRIPTION	APPROX. AREA (ha)
RECLAMATION AREA	9.37
EARTHWORKS AREA (ABOVE MHWS)	0.34
TOTAL RECLAMATION AND EARTHWORKS AREA	9.71



ORIGINAL DRAWING
IN COLOUR

RESOURCE CONSENT
NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

A	FOR RESOURCE CONSENT	CFP	RH	AH	14.09.26
No.	Revision	By	Chk	Appd	Date

Original Scale (A1) 1:2500	Design Drawn RH	11.09.26	Approved For Construction*
Reduced Scale (A3) 1:5000	Design Drawn RH	30.04.26	Date
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	* Refer to Revision 1 for Original Signature		



Client:

MINISTRY OF BUSINESS,
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Project:

MARINE OPERATIONS
MAINTENANCE FACILITY

Title:

GENERAL ARRANGEMENT
EXTENT OF RECLAMATION

Discipline	CIVIL - GENERAL
Drawing No.	3237966-CA-K0005
Rev.	A



Schedule 4 - Location Map

NORTHLAND SHIPYARD & DRYDOCK AVIFAUNA MANAGEMENT PLAN

Plan prepared by MapHouse | 10 September 2026

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This plan has been prepared by MapHouse on the specific instructions of our Client. It is solely for our Client's use in accordance with the agreed scope of work. Any use or reliance by a third party is at that party's own risk. Where information has been supplied by the Client or obtained from other external sources, it has been assumed that it is accurate. No liability or responsibility is accepted by MapHouse for any errors or omissions to the extent that they arise from inaccurate information provided by the Client or any external source.

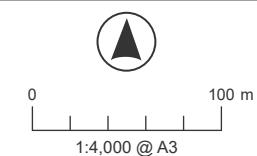
- Western shipyard footprint
- Proposed high tide roost
- Mean High Water Springs
- Potential kororā habitat
- Potential kororā translocation site
- Shorebird nesting habitat

- Cryptic marshbird disturbance zone
- Significant Bird Area - Critical Bird Habitat

- Recorded nesting species**
- ✕ Northern NZ dotterel
 - ✕ Variable oystercatcher
 - ✕ Pied stilt

Data Sources: BlueGreen Ecology, 4Sight Consulting, Eagle Technology, LINZ

Projection: NZGD 2000 New Zealand Transverse Mercator



Map 1