

## **Fast-track Approvals Bill Listed Projects – Guidance for applicants**

Information to be included in an application to have a project listed in Schedule 2 of the Fast-track Approvals Bill. Due to the short timeframes available to consider applications we will not be carrying out pre-application meetings.

Disclaimer: depending on the relevant approval regime and project-specific matters (such as risk), some projects will require more detail than others.

### **Submitter Details**

Individual/company name, job title and contact information.

### **Project Location**

Location description should be sufficient, for example, to identify whether or not the project would occur on public conservation land. A cadastral map and/or aerial imagery to clearly show the project location will help.

Details of the registered legal land owner and applicant's legal right to access the land.

### **Project Details**

The project name and a brief summary (no more than 2-3 lines) of the proposed project.

Details of the proposed project, its purpose, objectives and the activities it involves, noting that Clause 14(2)(b) of the Bill specifies that the application requires only a general level of detail.

The staging of the project, including the nature and timing of the staging.

The regime under which approval is being sought.

Relevant local authorities.

Applications you have already made for approvals on the same or a similar project.

Provide a high-level timeline outlining key milestones like:

- detailed design
- procurement
- funding
- site works commencement
- completion.

### **Consultation**

Detail all consultation undertaken with persons likely to be affected by the project, including:

- relevant local authorities
- relevant iwi authorities
- relevant Treaty settlement entities
- protected customary rights groups
- customary marine title groups
- applicant groups under the Marine and Coastal (Takutai Moana) Act 2011
- ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou
- any person with a registered interest in land that may need to be acquired under the Public Works Act 1981.

Describe any processes already undertaken under the Public Works Act 1981 in relation to the land or any part of the land on which the project will occur.

## **Iwi authorities and Treaty settlements**

What treaty settlements apply to the geographical location of the project? Include a summary of the relevant principles and provisions in those settlements and any statutory acknowledgement areas.

Are there any Ngā Rohe Moana o Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Porou Act 2019 principles or provisions that are relevant to the project?

Are there any identified parcels of Māori land within the project area, marae, and identified wāhi tapu?

Is the project proposed on any land returned under a Treaty settlement or any identified Māori land described in the ineligibility criteria?

Is the project proposed in any customary marine title area, protected customary rights area, or aquaculture settlement area declared under s 12 of the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004 or identified within an individual iwi settlement?

## **Adverse effects**

Please describe the anticipated and known adverse effects of the project on the environment?

## **National policy statements and national environmental standards**

Provide a general assessment of the project in relation to any relevant national policy statement (including the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement) and national environmental standard.

## **Eligibility**

Your application must be supported by an explanation as to how the project will help achieve the purpose of the Bill, that is to “provide a fast-track decision-making process that facilitates the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits”.

In considering whether the project will help to achieve the purpose of the Bill, the Ministers may have regard to the specific matters referred to in the Bill, and any other matter that the Ministers consider relevant.

Does the project includes an activity which would make it ineligible?

## **Climate change and natural hazards**

Explain how the project will be affected by climate change and natural hazards

## **Track record**

Add a summary of all compliance and/or enforcement actions taken against the applicant by any entity with enforcement powers under the Acts referred to in the Bill, and the outcome of those actions.