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Notice of consent application by Hiringa Energy Limited and Ballance Agri-Nutrients Limited, and invitation to comment under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020

Notice of Consent Application

On 18 August 2021, Hiringa Energy Limited and Ballance Agri-Nutrients Limited (the Applicants) lodged a consent application with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for the Kapuni Green Hydrogen Project under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act). On 25 August 2021 the EPA determined that it complied with clause 3(1) and it was referred to the Kapuni Green Hydrogen Project Expert Consenting Panel (the Panel) for processing and decision.

A copy of the consent application and supporting documents can be accessed on the EPA's website: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/referred-projects/kapuni-new-page/application/>

Invitation to Comment

Under the Act, the Panel must invite comments from specified parties including relevant iwi authorities and any Treaty settlement entity relevant to the listed project. Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust has been identified as a specified party.

Please note that public or limited notification is not allowed under the Act. The Panel invites you to comment on the above consent application. If you wish to comment on the application, please complete the enclosed form and return it to the EPA by email to kapunigreen@epa.govt.nz, or by post or in person.

Your comments must be returned to the EPA no later than 21 October 2021.

Please note that there is no right for you (or any other person) to seek a waiver of this time limit.

Please note that under clause 18 (3) of Schedule 6 of the Act

An iwi authority invited to provide comments under clause 17(2) may—

- a) *share the consent application or notice of requirement with hapū whose rohe is in the project area proposed in the application or notice; and*
- b) *choose to include comments from that hapū with the comments provided to the panel by the iwi authority.*

The EPA will forward copies of any comments received to the Applicants 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 sent notice of the decision on the application when it is made.

Minute of the Expert Consenting Panel

On 30 September, the Panel released Minute 1 which determines the adjacent owners and occupiers that must be invited for comment and confirms the closing date for comments. This Minute can be read on our website at:

https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Fast-track-consenting/Kapuni-Green-Hydrogen/panel-correspondence/Minute_1_of_Expert_Consenting_Panel_30-Sep-21.pdf

The Panel also released Minute 2 on 30 September 2021. This Minute is a request for further information from the applicant and can be read on our website at:

https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Fast-track-consenting/Kapuni-Green-Hydrogen/panel-correspondence/Minute_2_of_Expert_Consenting_Panel_30-Sep-21.pdf

Further Information

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

Information and advice on commenting on a fast-track consenting application can be found at <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/commenting/>.

If you have any questions, please contact June Cahill, Project Lead by email at kapunigreen@epa.govt.nz, or by phone 021 128 6656.

Nākū noa, nā



Richard Fowler QC

Chairperson

Kapuni Green Hydrogen Project Expert Consenting Panel