

# Invitation for Comment on Kōpū Marine Precinct

## Kōpū Marine Precinct is a Referred Project under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020

<b>Application name</b>	Kōpū Marine Precinct
<b>EPA reference</b>	FTC000034
<b>Applicant/s</b>	Thames Coromandel District Council
<b>Comments due by</b>	<b>1 February 2022</b>
<b>Accessing the application</b>	<a href="https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/referred-projects/kopu-marine-precinct/the-application/">https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/referred-projects/kopu-marine-precinct/the-application/</a>

An application has been made by Thames Coromandel District Council (the applicant) under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the act) for resource consents for project the Kōpū Marine Precinct (the project).

To comment on the project application, please fill in the details on the attached form and:

- **Email** the form to [kopu.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz](mailto:kopu.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz). Please mark in the subject line: “Comments on Kōpū Marine Precinct Fast Track Application (Your name/organisation) by **1 February 2022**”; or
- **Post** the form to Kōpū Marine Precinct Application, Environmental Protection Authority, Private Bag 63002, Waterloo Quay, Wellington 6140 in time for the form to be received by the **1 February 2022**; or
- **Deliver in person** to Environmental Protection Authority, Grant Thornton House, Level 10, 215 Lambton Quay, Wellington by **1 February 2022**. Please note that due to potential changes in colour settings under the COVID-19 Protection Framework (the “traffic light system”) our reception may not be open to the public. We suggest phoning ahead to check. A COVID-19 Vaccine Pass is required to be presented to enter the EPA offices.

Comments must be received by the EPA, on behalf of the Kōpū Marine Precinct Expert Consenting Panel, no later than **1 February 2022**

If your comment is not received by the EPA by **1 February 2022** the Panel is not required to consider your comment (although it may decide to).

Under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 there is no right to seek a waiver of the time limit.

If you are an iwi authority you may share the consent application with hapū whose rohe is in the project area in the application and choose to include comments from the hapū with any comments you may wish to provide.

## 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.

A copy of your comments, including all personal information, will be provided to the Expert Consenting Panel and the applicant.

All comments received on the application will be available on the EPA 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.

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All information held by the EPA is subject to the Official Information Act 1982.

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

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

# Your Comment<sup>1</sup> on the Kōpū Marine Precinct

All sections of this form with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory.

## 1. Contact Details

Please ensure that you have authority to comment on the application on behalf of those named on this form.

<b>Organisation name (if relevant)</b>	Hauraki Gulf Forum		
<b>*First name</b>	Alex		
<b>*Last name</b>	Rogers		
<b>Postal address</b>			
<b>*Home phone / Mobile phone</b>	N/A	<b>*Work phone</b>	██████████
<b>*Email (a valid email address enables us to communicate efficiently with you)</b>	eo@haurakigulfforum.org.nz		

## 2. \*We will email you draft conditions of consent for your comment

Yes	I can receive emails and my email address is correct	<input type="checkbox"/>	I cannot receive emails and my postal address is correct
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## 3. Please provide your comments on this application

If you need more space, please attach additional pages. Please include your name, page numbers and the project name on the additional pages

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- implementing the recommendations in the cultural values assessments provided by mana whenua;

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<sup>1</sup> If you do not use this form to write your comment please attach this form with the personal details filled out to your comment.

- managing environmental effects on the bank of the Waihou awa – particularly during construction in preventing discharges and contamination;
- monitoring of marine invasive species in/around the precinct; and
- planning for climate change impacts, including inundation/sea level rise, noting that the area concerned is rated as at 'extreme' risk even in a modest 0.4m rise scenario.

**Thank you for your comments**

Environmental Protection Authority

By email: [kopu.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz](mailto:kopu.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz)

### **Kōpū Marine Precinct Fast-Track Application**

*He waka kōtuia kāhore e tukutukua ngā mimira.*

*A canoe that is interlaced will not become separated at the bow. In unity there is strength.*

28 January 2022

Tēnā koe,

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Ngā mihi nui,



**Nicola MacDonald**  
Co-Chair – Tangata Whenua



**Pippa Coom**  
Co-Chair

