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**Notice of consent application by Thames Coromandel District Council, and invitation to comment under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020**

**Notice of Consent Application**

On 12 November 2021, Thames Coromandel District Council lodged a consent application with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for the Kōpū Marine Precinct under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act). On 19 November 2021, the EPA determined that it complied with clause 3(1) and it was referred to the Kōpū Marine Precinct 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/kopu-marine-precinct/the-application/>

**Invitation to Comment**

Under the Act, the Panel must invite comments from specified parties, including any applicant group under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 identified in the report obtained under Section 17(1) of the Act. You are identified as a person from whom the Panel must seek comment from as you are an applicant group identified in the report obtained under Section 17(1) of the Act.

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 [kopu.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz](mailto:kopu.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz), or by post or in person.

**Your comments must be returned to the EPA no later than 1 February 2022**

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

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 10 January 2022, the Panel released Minute 1. This Minute can be read on the EPA website at <https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Fast-track-consenting/Kopu/panel-correspondence/Minute-1-of-the-Kopu-Marine-Precinct-Expert-Consenting-Panel-issued-10-January-2022.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 the Project Leader, Alex Erceg by email at [kopu.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz](mailto:kopu.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz), or by phone on 027 293 6728.

Nākū noa, nā



Vanessa Hamm

**Chairperson**

**Kōpū Marine Precinct Expert Consenting Panel**