

## Comments on Matawii Water Storage Reservoir, Kaikohe, a listed project under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020

<b>Application Name:</b>	<i>Matawii Water Storage Reservoir, Kaikohe</i>
<b>EPA Reference:</b>	FTC000016
<b>Applicant:</b>	<i>Te Tai Tokerau Water Trust</i>
<b>Comments due by:</b>	<b>21 September 2020</b>
<b>Accessing the application:</b>	The Matawii Water Storage Reservoir Fast-track application can be accessed here : <a href="https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/listed-projects/matawii-water-storage-reservoir/application/">https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/listed-projects/matawii-water-storage-reservoir/application/</a>

To comment on the Matawii Water Storage Reservoir application using the form below, please fill in the details and:

- **Email** the form to [matawiifasttrack@epa.govt.nz](mailto:matawiifasttrack@epa.govt.nz)  
Please mark in the subject line: “Comments on Matawii Fast Track Application (Your name/organisation)”; or
- **Post** the form to Matawii Fast-track Application, Environmental Protection Authority, Private Bag 63002, Waterloo Quay, Wellington 6140. Please ensure adequate time is given for the form to be received in time; or
- **Deliver in person** to Environmental Protection Authority, Grant Thornton House, Level 10, 215 Lambton Quay, Wellington. Please note that due to potential changes in COVID-19 Alert Levels our reception may not be open to the public. We suggest phoning ahead to check.

### Comments must be received by the EPA, on behalf of the Panel, on 21 September 2020.

If your comment is not received by the EPA on 21 September 2020 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 Matawii Water Storage Reservoir 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 Matawii Expert Consenting Panel and the applicant.

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

If you are a company making comments on this application, your full business contact details will be publicly available. For individuals, your name and any information you provide may be publicly available. Your contact details (phone number, address, and email) will not be publicly available.

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## Comment on the Matawii Water Storage Reservoir, Kaikohe, Fast-track Application

Please complete all parts of this form

The Matawii Water Storage Reservoir, Kaikohe, Fast-track application can be accessed here

### 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>	<b>Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency</b>		
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### 2. We will email you draft conditions of consent for your comment about this application.

<https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/listed-projects/matawii-water-storage-reservoir/application/>



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**3. Please provide your comments on the Matawii Water Storage Reservoir, Kaikohe  
Fast-track Application**

Please see accompanying letter (4 Pages)

**Thank you for your comments**

21<sup>st</sup> September, 2020

Environmental Protection Agency  
Expert Consenting Panel – Fast Track Consenting  
Matawii Water Storage Reservoir

Via email – [matawiifasttrack@epa.govt.nz](mailto:matawiifasttrack@epa.govt.nz)

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **PROPOSED MATAWII WATER STORAGE RESERVOIR – TE TAI TOKERAU WATER TRUST**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application by Te Tai Tokerau Water Trust for a proposed reservoir near Kaikohe, Northland. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) is responsible for the ongoing management of the State Highway network, and has an interest in the construction and ongoing operation of the Reservoir, as it relates to the ongoing operation of the state Highway network. Waka Kotahi has considered the proposal, and whilst it is generally supportive of a water reservoir in this location, has the following comments to make:

#### **Access**

The application notes that access will be obtained via an existing crossing place directly onto State Highway 12. It is noted that as part of a recent resource consent decision for Far North Holdings Ltd for a proposed Horticultural and innovation Hub Site (ref: 2200203RMACOM & 2200204RMACOM), this access is to be permanently closed, with a new access/intersection to be constructed further east on State Highway 12. After discussions with the applicant's agent, it is now understood that site access will now be obtained either via this new intersection, or via Wallis Road to the west of the site.

The application has taken the view that construction traffic is exempt from District Plan rules as they relate to trip generation. Nevertheless, Waka Kotahi feel it is important that construction traffic is managed in a manner that ensures the ongoing safety of the network. As such, it is requested that a condition is placed on any consent granted which requires the development and submission of a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) prior to construction proceeding on site (see draft conditions below).

#### **Network Resilience**

The State Highway network is considered 'lifeline infrastructure', providing a vital connection in this instance between Kaikohe and the rest of Northland. It is therefore essential that any development proposal is undertaken in a way that reduces and manages any risk to the network. The application includes a Potential Impact Classification which assesses risk to certain infrastructure, including two Waka Kotahi assets: the Kopenui Stream Bridge on SH15 and the Wairoro Stream Culvert on SH12. Waka Kotahi agrees with the 'high' risk classification as it relates to these two assets, however notes that this assessment is based on a 'dry day' scenario. As dams are more likely to fail during heavy rainfall events, an assessment is needed against a 'wet day' scenario to more accurately understand risk.

Further, whilst the likelihood of dam failure is considered to be low, it is considered necessary that appropriate emergency management procedures be drafted and agreed between the applicant and Waka

Kotahi, to ensure that an appropriate response to any failure event can occur quickly, thus minimising the effect on the network and the wider community.

### **Decision**

Waka Kotahi hereby raises no objection to the proposal, subject to the following:

1. That the following conditions are placed on any resource consent decision:
  - a) *“Prior to construction commencing onsite, a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) shall be submitted to and approved by Council. Any CTMP shall demonstrate consultation has occurred with Waka Kotahi, and shall include details such as means of access to the site for construction vehicles, an assessment as to likely numbers of vehicles movements required, hours of operation, and any temporary traffic management measures considered necessary to ensure the ongoing safety of the wider roading network during construction.”;*
  - b) *“Prior to construction occurring onsite, an Emergency Management Plan (EMP) shall be developed and agreed in consultation with Waka Kotahi. Any EMP shall include a structure remediation/emergency works plan (including any necessary resourcing such as engineers, inspectors, plants and labour), a health and Safety Plan for these works, any necessary traffic management (including an assessment of alternate vehicle routes), and a communications plan to inform road users during any emergency works”;*
  - c) *As part of the Emergency Management Plan contained in (b) above, an updated Potential Impact Classification shall be completed, which includes consideration of the wet day scenario.*

Any correspondence with Waka Kotahi with regards to these conditions, including submitting them for comment, should be sent to [consentsandapprovals@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:consentsandapprovals@nzta.govt.nz).

I trust this letter clearly outlines the NZ Transport Agency’s position with respect to this proposal. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Brendan Clarke on 021 391 864 or [brendan.clarke@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:brendan.clarke@nzta.govt.nz).

*This response is the NZ Transport Agency’s current view of the situation. Please note that if this application is put on hold for any length of time and resubmitted at a later date, the NZ Transport Agency’s may need to review its comments in the light of any traffic, safety, planning, or policy change.*

Yours faithfully,



**Brendan Clarke**  
Senior Planner  
Consents and Approvals

Enclosed:

- Attachment 1: Proposed Site Plan

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