

# Invitation for Comment on Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements

The Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements is a Listed Project under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020

<b>Application Name</b>	Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements – Stage 1B1
<b>EPA Reference</b>	FTC000015
<b>Applicants</b>	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and Transpower New Zealand Limited
<b>Comments due by</b>	<b>Friday, 24 September 2021</b>
<b>Accessing the application</b>	The full application and supporting documents can be viewed on the EPA website, which can be accessed here:  <a href="https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/listed-projects/papakura-to-drury-south-state-highway-improvements/">https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/listed-projects/papakura-to-drury-south-state-highway-improvements/</a>

Notices of requirement have been lodged and applications made by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and Transpower New Zealand Limited for Stage 1B1 of Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020.

To comment on the Stage 1B1 Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements applications and notices of requirement using the form below, please fill in the details and:

- **Email** the form to [papakuradrury.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz](mailto:papakuradrury.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz). Please mark in the subject line: “Comments on Stage 1B1 of Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements Fast Track Application (Your name/organisation) by **Friday, 24 September 2021**”; or
- **Post** the form to Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements Fast Track Application, Environmental Protection Authority, Private Bag 63002, Waterloo Quay, Wellington 6140 in time for the form to be received by the **Friday, 24 September 2021**; or
- **Deliver in person** to Environmental Protection Authority, Grant Thornton House, Level 10, 215 Lambton Quay, Wellington by the **Friday, 24 September 2021**. *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 Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements Expert Consenting Panel, no later than Friday, 24 September 2021**

If your comment is not received by the EPA by **Friday, 24 September 2021** 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 Stage 1B1 Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements consent application and notices of requirement 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 and notices of requirement will be available on the EPA website.

If you are a corporate entity making comments on this application and notices of requirement, 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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More information on the fast-track consenting process can be found at <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/about/>.

## Comment on the Stage 1B1 Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements applications and notices of requirement

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

### 1. Contact Details

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

<b>Organisation name (if relevant)</b>	Director-General, Department of Conservation		
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<b>*Email (a valid email address enables us to communicate efficiently with you)</b>	crendall@doc.govt.nz		

### 2. \*We will email you draft conditions of consent for your comment about the application and notices of requirement

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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 the application and notices of requirement

#### Freshwater Considerations

The applicant is proposing to follow Auckland Council guidelines for stormwater and sediment management as well as preparing and adhering to site specific management plans for stream works, sediment and erosion, native fish relocation and stormwater operation and maintenance. If these guidelines and management plans are adhered to then there is unlikely to be any major effects on the freshwater ecosystems present as result of erosion and/ or sediment effects. The D-G has reviewed the application and supports the proposed conditions relating to erosion and sediment control, specifically, ST.2-ST.8.

While the proposed conditions relating to erosion and sediment control are considered appropriate, it is the D-G's view that in relation to specific species management, there are the following gaps:

- Any instream works avoid the migration season for species present.
- Any instream works should consider the presence (or not) of kākahi or kōura.
- Ensuring fish passage (following the fish passage guidelines) is maintained where required.

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## Species Management

The applicant has assessed the waterbodies affected by the proposal as having low or very low ecological value. However, the New Zealand Freshwater Fish Database has records of threatened, at-risk, declining species (longfin eel and inanga) in the vicinity of the application site. To address this, the D-G proposes the following condition:

1. The consent holder shall take all practicable measures to avoid adverse effects on spawning and migrating fish.

Where possible, the works should be undertaken outside the key spawning and migration periods of native fish that are present (*following the dates in the Freshwater Fish Spawning and Migration Periods (MPI, 2015)*). If kākahi or kōura are discovered during the works, they will need to be included in and managed by the Native Fish Relocation Plan.

## Fish Passage

The application also does not consider issues around fish passage for the proposed culverts and upgraded culverts/ erosion control structures. Fish passage must be maintained during and post construction to ensure that native fish will have continuous access to the waterbodies. Consideration should be given to ensuring the proposed culverts and structures follow the New Zealand Fish Passage Guidelines (NIWA 2018) to make sure fish passage is not impeded. To address this, the D-G seeks that these guidelines are referred to in the application and that conditions are developed in accordance with the minimum design standards below, and the New Zealand Fish Passage Guidelines Appendix G.

2. Minimum design standards for fish passage will achieve:
  - a. Efficient and safe passage of all aquatic organisms and life stages with minimal delay, except where specific provisions are required to limit the movement of undesirable exotic species.
  - b. A diversity of physical and hydraulic conditions leading to a high diversity of passage opportunities for aquatic organisms.
  - c. A structure that will provide no greater impediment to fish movements than adjacent stream reaches.
  - d. Structures that have minimal maintenance requirements and are durable.

Thank you for your comments