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Tēnā koe

**Request for information from Kiwirail Holdings Limited in relation to LP 04 Papakura to Pukekōhe Rail Electrification under COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020**

The Papakura to Pukekōhe Rail Electrification panel has directed the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), to request further information from you under clause 25 of Schedule 6 of the COVID-19 Recovery Act 2020 (the Act), relating to the Papakura to Pukekōhe Rail Electrification.

The EPA is seeking the following information:

1. The ecological effects assessment<sup>1</sup> identifies certain mitigation measures to address potential adverse effects on ecology<sup>2</sup>. Section 4.2 item 6 identifies that an ecological offset may need to be considered once the aggregate stream length disturbed/removed or modified is known. Please provide detail of;
  - a. any potential stream disturbance/removal or modification (noting that the panel's understanding is that the application does not seek consent, nor anticipate, works within a stream bed);
  - b. the range of likely ecological offsets that might be deployed; and
  - c. how this factor is addressed in the proposed conditions of consent.

In accordance with clause 25 of Schedule 6 of the Act the Kiwirail Holdings Limited must

- a) Provide electronic copies of the information or report requested; or
- b) Advise the EPA, with reasons that you decline to provide the information or report requested.

Please provide the further information to the EPA by **10 June 2021**.

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<sup>1</sup> AEE appendix F: RMA Ecology Ltd report No 2047 dated March 2021

<sup>2</sup> Section 4.2, page 23

Please note, the information will be provided to the panel, the application and every person who provided comments on the application. The information will also be made available on the EPA website.

If you have any questions or further queries please don't hesitate to contact Alex Erceg at [p2pfasttrack@epa.govt.nz](mailto:p2pfasttrack@epa.govt.nz) or 027 293 6728.

Nāku noā, na

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elliott Thornton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "E".

Elliott Thornton  
**Team Leader, Fast-track Consenting**