

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020

Rangitane Maritime Development by Far North Holdings Limited and Far North District Council

M-2 Minute of the Rangitane Maritime Development Expert Consenting Panel – 12 November 2021

Late Comments Received on the application

1. On 10 November 2021, the time period closed for provision of comments to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) from those parties invited to comment on the Rangitane Maritime Development (the application) under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).
2. Any comments to be provided on the application had to be received by the EPA by 10 November 2021 and, in accordance with clause 18(7) of Schedule 6 of the Act, there is no right for any person to seek a waiver of that time limit.
3. On 12 November 2021, the EPA received two comments on the application. These comments came via the post. The comments were received from Doug Kinnon, and from TJ Clark NZ (2001) Limited.
4. These comments can be viewed on the EPA website here: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/referred-projects/rangitane-maritime-development/comments-from-invited-parties/>
5. In accordance with clause 18(6) of Schedule 6 of the Act, the panel is not required to consider any comments received after the time specified in the invitation, being 10 November 2021, but may do so, in its discretion, as long as the panel has not issued its decision.
6. In this case, the Rangitane Maritime Development Expert Consenting Panel has resolved to consider the late comments received by Doug Kinnon and TJ Clark NZ (2001) Limited. The Panel does not consider that the small (two working day) delay in receiving these comments will prejudice the applicant or any party who has provided comments on time .
7. Clause 19 of Schedule 6 of the Act provides the applicant an opportunity to respond to comments provided on the application, which must be provided to the EPA not later than 5 working days after the date by which those comments had to be received by the EPA; this being 5 working days from 10 November 2021 which is **18 November 2021**.
8. Should the applicant wish to respond to these late comments, any response must still be received by the EPA no later than 18 November 2021.



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On behalf of the Rangitane Maritime Development Expert Consenting Panel.