

Invitation for Comment

on Papakāinga Development – Rāpaki, Christchurch, a listed project under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020

Application Name:	<i>Papakāinga Development – Rāpaki, Christchurch</i>
EPA Reference:	<i>FTC000013</i>
Applicant:	<i>Te Mahi Korowai Trust</i>
Comments due by:	<i>12 October 2020</i>

An application has been made by Te Mahi Korowai Trust under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 for consent for the construction of 10 residential dwellings and a shared-used building at Rāpaki. The full application and supporting documents can be viewed on the EPA website, which can be accessed here

<https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/listed-projects/rapaki-christchurch-papakaiinga-development/application/>

To comment on the Papakāinga Development – Rāpaki, Christchurch application using the form below, please fill in the details and:

- **Email** the form to rapakifasttrack@epa.govt.nz. Please mark in the subject line: “Comments on Rapaki Fast Track Application (Your name/organisation) by 12 October 2020; or
- **Post** the form to Rapaki Fast Track Application, Environmental Protection Authority, Private Bag 63002, Waterloo Quay, Wellington 6140 in time for the form to be received by the 12 October 2020; or
- **Deliver in person** to Environmental Protection Authority, Grant Thornton House, Level 10, 215 Lambton Quay, Wellington by 21 August 2020.

Comments must be received by the EPA, on behalf of the Panel, on 12 October 2020

If your comment is not received by the EPA on 12 October 2020 the Panel may decide not to consider your comment. 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 hapu whose rohe is in the project area in the application, and choose to include comments from the hapu 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 Papakāinga Development – Rāpaki, Christchurch consent application process. You have the right to access and correct personal information held by the EPA. All information held by the EPA is subject to the Official Information Act 1982.

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 will be available on the EPA website.

If you are a corporate entity making comments on this application, 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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Comment on the Papakāinga Development – Rāpaki, Christchurch Fast Track Application

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

1. Contact Details

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

Organisation name (if relevant):			
First name:*	Hon. Nanaia		
Last name:*	Mahuta		
Postal address:			
Home phone / Mobile phone*:		Work phone*:	04 817 8711
Email*: (A valid email address enables us to communicate efficiently with you)	n.mahuta@ministers.govt.nz		

2. Please provide your comments on the Papakāinga Development – Rāpaki, Christchurch Application

If you need more space, please attach additional pages. Please include your name, page numbers and Papakāinga Development – Rāpaki, Christchurch Application on the additional pages

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in relation to this application. From the outset, the intention of the Government in facilitating this project through the process of fast-track consent is solely focused on removing an unnecessary barrier to the use of this Māori owned whenua for papakāinga housing purposes (for those that whakapapa to the whenua). We are aware that within the iwi, hapū and neighbouring community there may be different views about the intended use of the whenua and also about ownership control. The fast-track consenting process is not intended to, and nor should it, circumvent proper kōrero and consultation within the community, and I expect this will occur. We consider the fact that a consent barrier has been resolved will open opportunities for the community regarding this whenua, no matter what form future decisions take. To provide further clarity, and to address possible misunderstanding, I confirm that:

- planning consent is intended to be an enabler only for the benefit of all owners of the whenua for the future

- the expectation is that any future decisions about the use of the whenua will be a matter for the land-owning community and hapū, and subject to appropriate kōrero and consultation within the community
- Te Puni Kōkiri, I am advised, has neither received a proposal nor approved funding towards papakāinga construction or any development on the whenua. Were such an application received, matters such as the lack of community consensus and dispute over land ownership would be likely barriers to approval.

On this basis I support the EPA view that it would be useful for the Panel to hear the Iwi and hapū view and to consider what community engagement and consultation should occur as part of the conditions of consent.

3. We will email you draft conditions of consent for your comment about this application.*



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Thank you for your comments