

Invitation for Comment on Te Ara Tupua – Ngauranga to Petone Shared Path at Ngauranga to Petone.

The Te Ara Tupua – Ngauranga to Petone Shared Path is a Listed Project under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020

Application Name:	Te Ara Tupua – Ngauranga to Petone Shared Path
EPA Reference:	FTC000001
Applicant:	New Zealand Transport Agency
Comments due by:	11 December 2020
Accessing the application:	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/te-ara-tupua/

An application for resource consents and notice of requirement has been made by New Zealand Transport Agency under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 for Te Ara Tupua – Ngauranga to Petone shared path.

To comment on the Te Ara Tupua application and notice of requirement using the form below, please fill in the details and:

- **Email** the form to tearatupuafasttrack@epa.govt.nz. Please mark in the subject line: “Comments on Te Ara Tupua – Ngauranga to Petone Shared Path” (Your name/organisation) by 11 December 2020; or
- **Post** the form to Te Ara Tupua – Ngauranga to Petone Shared Path, Environmental Protection Authority, Private Bag 63002, Waterloo Quay, Wellington 6140 in time for the form to be received by the 11 December 2020; or
- **Deliver in person** to Environmental Protection Authority, Grant Thornton House, Level 10, 215 Lambton Quay, Wellington by 11 December 2020. 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 Te Ara Tupua – Ngauranga to Petone Expert Consenting Panel, no later than 11 December 2020.

If your comment is not received by the EPA by 11 December 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 Te Ara Tupua – Ngauranga to Petone shared path 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 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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More information on the fast-track consenting process can be found at <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/about/>.

Comment on the Te Ara Tupua – Ngauranga to Petone shared path Fast Track Application

1. Contact Details

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

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

2. We will email you draft conditions of consent/notices of requirement for your comment.*

X	I can receive emails and my email address is correct	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I cannot receive emails and my postal address is correct.
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3. Please provide your comments on the Te Ara Tupua – Ngauranga to Petone shared path Application

The shared path facility, along with areas of ecological mitigation, are in part located on the rail land. The necessary processes to ensure that occupation sits outside the RMA and is being progressed between Waka Kotahi and KiwiRail. We are confident the two agencies will continue to work together to achieve an agreeable outcome during the remaining phases of the project through to operation.

The shared path facility provides a level of sea rise and storm protection for the rail corridor that is supported by KiwiRail. The rail network is a critical lifeline and any protection of it from impacts on operations is beneficial.

The design includes areas for KiwiRail to use as access to ensure that the rail corridor can continue to be maintained as required. This is supported.

The setback for the shared path and associated mitigation from the rail corridor has been reduced from the KiwiRail preferred design standards. The reduction has been agreed to however as safety is believed to not be compromised, and further this supports a minimised encroachment of the shared path into the coastal environment. KiwiRail cannot support any further reduction of safety standards and encroachment into the rail

corridor than is already proposed. We therefore wish to ensure that any changes to the design or mitigation that may be considered through the consent approval process does not result in any changes to the location or design of works within the rail corridor.
