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Tēnā koe Louise

Request for information from Marlborough District Council in relation to LP-14 Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct Redevelopment under COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020

The Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct Redevelopment Expert Consenting Panel (the 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 Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct Redevelopment consent application.

Background

The panel has closely considered the Assessment of Effects on Seabirds (Appendix I), and has also been assisted by various comments received on this topic. The panel tentatively finds favour with the assessment including the field survey undertaken. The panel is concerned the latter was something only of a “snapshot”, and should be supported by further survey work to obtain a full seasonal picture. This would entail a year of field surveys before demolition and construction can commence.

The questions below focus on three species that are either threatened or declining; the Caspian Tern, Torea Tai and Korora.

Information Requested

At the direction of the panel, The EPA is therefore requesting, the following information:

1. Can the CMP and AMP be set up such, that demolition and construction not commence for a year from the time of consent to accommodate such surveys?
2. In the alternative, what would Dr Bramley and the applicants recommend could be undertaken safely in the vicinity of the terminal for the first year, so as not to harm the three species, impede on their nesting/breeding, and accommodate such a survey?

Timeframes

It is considered that this information is necessary and relevant to the Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct Redevelopment consent application.

In accordance with clause 25 of Schedule 6 of the Act applicant 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 **Wednesday 17 March 2021**.

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 (project lead) at waitohifasttrack@epa.govt.nz, or on 027 293 6728.

Nāku noā, na

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Sandra Balcombe', written in a cursive style.

Sandra Balcombe

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