



Nationally Significant Proposal Application Form

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It is recommended that information requirements are discussed with Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) staff before the matter is lodged with the EPA. Contact details are on the EPA website (<http://www.epa.govt.nz>) or call (04) 916 2426.

All legislative references relate to the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) unless stated otherwise.

Part I: Application Details

This part of the form reflects information requirements of the Resource Management (Forms, Fees, and Procedure) Regulations 2003.

To the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA),

Applicant Details

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All correspondence to:

- Applicant
- Consultant

Describe the location of the proposed activity including its natural and physical characteristics and any adjacent uses that may be relevant to consideration of the application.

The location of the proposed activity is situated between Albany Highway and Constellation Drive (SH18), and SH1 between Upper Harbour Highway interchange to just beyond the Oteha Valley Road Interchange, on the North Shore, Auckland.

The Project area is located within the Albany Basin with an overall gently undulating terrain, surrounded by a series of ridges and spurs. The existing built environment within and surrounding the Project area is predominantly characterised by the existing transport corridor, adjacent business/commercial/industrial land uses and established residential neighbourhoods concentrated at Unsworth Heights to the immediate south of SH18 as well as the Pinehill and Fairview Heights areas adjacent SH1 undergoing residential development. Other land uses within the Project area include the Albany Retail Precinct located between Oteha Valley Road, SH1 and the Albany Expressway, the Rosedale Closed Landfill which lies to the eastern side of SH1 between Greville Road and Rosedale Road, as well as the Rosedale Wastewater Treatment Plant which straddles SH1 to the south of Rosedale Road.

Refer to Section 4 of the AEE Report, Volume 2 for a more detailed description of the Project area's natural and physical characteristics and any adjacent uses.

Describe the location of the proposed activity as it is commonly known and in a way that will enable it to be easily identified e.g.: street address; the legal description; name of any relevant stream, river or water body to which the application relates; proximity to any well-known landmark; and grid reference.

The Project area covers the extent of SH18 between Albany Highway and Constellation Drive, and SH1 between Upper Harbour Highway interchange to just beyond the Oteha Valley Road Interchange, on the North Shore, Auckland. The application also relates to some land and local road connections adjacent to the existing state highways. The busway component of the Project will be located to the east of the upgraded SH1, and the new shared use paths will be to the east of the new busway and north of the upgraded SH18. The Project also includes reconfiguration of the existing Constellation bus station.

For further details refer to Section 5 of the AEE Report, Volume 2. The legal descriptions of affected land are provided in the Notice of Requirement Property Information Table, Volume 1.

Part II: Matter Lodged With the EPA

Sections 145, 148 and 149ZB, Resource Management Act 1991

This part of the form reflects the information requirements of Form 16A of the Resource Management (Forms, Fees, and Procedure) Regulations 2003.

Proposal Details

Provide a list of the local authorities under whose administrative jurisdiction consent is required, and any staff members with whom the proposal has been discussed.

Auckland Council – Andrew Gysberts, Erin Whooley and Christopher Turbott

Provide a description of the proposal to which the matter relates.

The proposal is for the Northern Corridor Improvements Project (the Project).

The Project will increase the capacity and enhance the safety and efficiency of the section of SH1 between Oteha Valley Road and Constellation Drive. SH18 will be upgraded to full motorway standard from the Albany Highway interchange to SH1, with a motorway to motorway connection at SH1 (north facing SH1 – SH18 ramps only).

The proposed changes to SH1 can be generally described as the widening of the mainline carriageway to include extra general traffic lanes in each direction, the provision of a new dual direction busway (Northern Busway extension) adjacent to the southbound carriageway shoulder of the motorway, and the provision of a new off-road shared-use pedestrian/cycle way adjacent to the southbound carriageway of the Northern Busway extension. The Project also includes reconfiguration of the existing Constellation bus station.

With respect to SH18, the proposal can be generally described as the reconfiguration of the section between the Albany Highway interchange and SH1 to provide two lanes in either direction; dedicated ramp connections to/from SH1 to the north (ie from SH1 southbound to SH18 westbound, and SH18 eastbound to SH1 northbound), local road intersection improvements and the provision of a new off-road shared-use pedestrian/cycle way initially tracking from Albany Highway along SH18 and up the length of SH1, at Oteha Valley Road. Connections to the shared path from local roads will be provided throughout the Project alignment.

Refer to Section 5 of the AEE Report, Volume 2 for a detailed description of the Project.

This information accompanies:

- 1 or more of the following applications for a resource consent
- 1 or more of the following applications for a change to or cancellation of the conditions of a resource consent
- 1 or more of the following requests for the preparation of a regional plan
- 1 or more of the following changes to a plan proposed by the local authority
- 1 or more of the following variations to a proposed plan
- 1 or more of the following notices of requirement for a designation or to alter a designation
- 1 or more of the following notices of requirement for a heritage order or to alter a heritage order.

A relevant additional EPA application form is required for **each** of the matters applied for as part of a Nationally Significant Proposal. Please ensure the additional forms have been completed as required (Resource Consent Form, Change or Cancellation of Conditions Form, Plan Change Form, Notice of Requirement Form). **Note:** Any relevant council application forms must be attached.

Does the proposal relate to an activity that is part of a proposal of national significance in relation to which one or more matters have already been subject to a direction under section 142(2) or 147(1)(a) or (b) (please tick)?:

- Yes.
- No.

If you have answered yes to the question above, please provide the following information to identify the matter for which a direction by the Minister has been made:

Project name:	
EPA reference number:	EPA Project Leader:

The proposal relates (please tick one):

- wholly to the coastal marine area; or
- partly to the coastal marine area; or
- does not relate to the coastal marine area.

Please note if the matter relates wholly to the coastal marine area, references to the Minister in this form should be read as the Minister of Conservation. If the matter relates to the coastal marine area in part, references to the Minister in this form should be read as the Minister for the Environment and Minister of Conservation.

Please confirm that you wish the Minister(s) to make a direction under section 147(1)(a) or (b) to refer the matter to a board of inquiry OR to the Environment Court for decision, on the grounds that the matter is or is part of a matter of national significance. Please indicate your preference (tick one):

- a direction to refer the matter to a board of inquiry; OR
- a direction to refer the matter to the Environment Court.

Please provide further views as to your preference above and outline any other recommendation sought as to the course of action.

The NZ Transport Agency is seeking that the matter be referred to a Board of Inquiry. This will provide a fast and certain consenting path, to enable construction to begin in 2018.

Please note the Minister will only direct the matter to a board of inquiry or the Environment Court for decision if they consider that the matter is, or is part of, a proposal of national significance. In deciding whether a matter is, or is part of, a proposal of national significance the Minister may have regard to any relevant factor, including the factors set out in section 142(3) of the RMA.

Part III: Additional Optional Information

This part of the form includes optional additional information that will help in processing the application.

It would be helpful for you to indicate whether, in your view, any of the following factors are relevant to this matter (tick factors of relevance):

- the matter has aroused widespread public concern or interest regarding its actual or likely effect on the environment (including the global environment)
- the matter involves, or is likely to involve, significant use of natural and physical resources
- the matter affects, or is likely to affect, a structure, feature, place, or area of national significance
- the matter affects, or is likely to affect, or is relevant to, New Zealand's international obligations to the global environment
- the matter results, or is likely to result, in or contribute to, significant or irreversible changes to the environment (including the global environment)
- the matter involves, or is likely to involve, technology, processes, or methods that are new to New Zealand and that may affect its environment
- the matter is, or is likely to be, significant in terms of section 8
- the matter will assist the Crown in fulfilling its public health, welfare, security, or safety obligations or functions

- the matter affects, or is likely to affect, more than one region or district
- the matter relates to a network utility operation that extends or is proposed to extend to more than one district or region
- other relevant factors. (Please describe).

Special attributes of the Project include the high priority of the Project as part of the Auckland accelerated programme announced by the government in 2014, the recognition of the Project in the Auckland Plan, and the intended lodgement date in relation to the statutory process for the Auckland Unitary Plan.

The Project forms a significant part of the government's accelerated programme for roading improvements in Auckland, enabling completion of the Western Ring Route and helping facilitate interregional travel between Auckland and Northland as a consequence.

The Auckland Plan was adopted by the Auckland Council in 2012. The Plan sets a vision to guide Auckland's future growth over the next 30 years. The Plan identified the State highway improvements in the area with respect to completion of the western Ring Route to be the fifth highest priority. Therefore there is a strong strategic direction from Auckland Council for the Project.

The application would be one of the first major infrastructure proposals potentially determined by a Board of Inquiry under the partially operative Auckland Unitary Plan.

Please provide reasons why you consider the selected factors support your application to have a direction made in relation to the matter.

The matter has aroused widespread public ... interest regarding its actual or likely effect on the environment

The Project has had a high level of public interest to date and it is anticipated that as the Project develops and progresses through the statutory process, there is likely to be continued widespread interest regarding the actual or likely effect of the Project on the environment. The establishment of the motorway to motorway ramps connecting SH1 and SH18 enabling the completion of the Western Ring Route and the potential property impacts resulting from the required widening of the State highway corridor to accommodate additional motorway lanes and ramps, walking and cycling infrastructure and the extension of the Northern Busway between Constellation Drive and Albany will be of particular interest to local communities and the wider public.

As a nationally significant infrastructure asset, valued at around \$21 billion, the State highway network plays a critical role in facilitating economic development, connecting communities and contributing to the health and wellbeing of New Zealanders. The Project will assist the Crown in fulfilling its welfare and safety obligations by establishing new infrastructure to support economic development and maintain safety for all transport users.

The matter relates to a network utility operation that extends ... to more than one district or region

The Project will form part of the State highway network which extends across districts and regions. In particular, the Project will help to facilitate inter-regional travel between Auckland and Northland by allowing the full benefits of the Western Ring Route to be realised by upgrading the SH18/SH1 connection.

Please provide any further views that you have, as the applicant, regarding whether the matter(s) should be referred to a board of inquiry or the Environment Court, and any other recommendations sought as to the course of action.

Please note that your views will be considered but will not determine the recommendation of the EPA or the Minister's direction.

Attach any written approvals that have been received from any potentially affected parties (refer to section 104 (3)(a)(ii)).

No written approvals have been received.

The EPA must serve notice of an application for a Nationally Significant Proposal to the owner(s) and occupier(s) of the land to which the matter(s) relates and of adjoining land (s 149C(4)). Attach the names and addresses of any owner(s) and occupier(s). **Note:** It is preferable that you discuss this with EPA staff prior to lodging your application.

Refer to Notice of Requirement Plans and Notice of Requirement Property Information Table, Volume 1.

Part IV: Signature

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this application is true and correct.

I understand that the EPA can recover its actual and reasonable costs associated with processing this application (refer to section 149ZD of the RMA).

If the EPA determines that any application for a resource consent or an application for a change to or cancellation of the conditions of a resource consent is incomplete, it may return the application.

I understand that I must serve the relevant local authority with notice of this matter together with notice of its lodgement with the EPA.



Signature of applicant (or person authorised to sign on behalf of application)



Date

Note: Please complete the checklist on the following page prior to lodging this application. The checklist is designed to assist you in providing all relevant information and is not intended to be an exhaustive list of requirements.



Nationally Significant Proposal Application Checklist

General checklist	✓
The application has been discussed with the EPA.	✓
A NSP Application Form completed and attached.	✓
As the applicant, you note and is aware that there may be costs associated to this application.	✓
The form (and other relevant forms) are signed and dated.	✓
All application documentation is to be page numbered and referenced. Please include the page number(s) where these reasons are provided (e.g. Volume 1, pages 1 to 10).	✓
A relevant EPA application form has been completed and attached for each matter relating to this proposal. These forms are the: Resource Consent Form, Change or Cancellation of Conditions Form, Plan Change Form, and Notice of Requirement Form. Please note how many other forms have been attached.	✓
Any relevant council application forms have been attached.	✓
An accurate description of the proposal has been provided.	✓
An accurate and appropriate identification of the location of the proposed activity has been provided.	✓
Identification of whether it relates wholly, partly, or does not relate to the coastal marine area.	✓
Indication of factors to support the application being considered as a NSP.	✓
Confirmation that you requests that the Minister(s) make a direction under s 147(1).	✓
A list of all relevant local authorities under whose administrative jurisdiction resource consent is required.	✓

