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**Notice of consent applications and notices of requirement by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and Transpower New Zealand Limited, and invitation to comment under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020**

**Notice of Consent Applications and Notices of Requirement**

On 24 June 2021, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and Transpower New Zealand Limited lodged two notices of requirement and consent applications with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for Stage 1B1 of the Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act). On 1 July 2021 the EPA determined that the applications and notices of requirement complied with clause 3(1) and it was referred to the Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements Expert Consenting Panel (the Panel) for processing and decision.

A copy of the consent applications and notices of requirement and supporting documents can be accessed on the EPA's website: <https://epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/listed-projects/papakura-to-drury-south-state-highway-improvements/>

**Invitation to Comment**

Under the Act, the Panel must invite comments from specified identified parties, including particular organisations. You are identified under the Act as one of the organisations from whom the Panel must seek comment.

Please note that public or limited notification is not allowed under the Act.

The Panel invites you to comment on the above consent applications and notices of requirement. If you wish to comment on the applications and notices of requirement please complete the enclosed form and return it to the EPA by email to [papakuradrury.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz](mailto:papakuradrury.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz), or by post or in person.

**Your comments must be returned to the EPA no later than Friday, 24 September 2021.**

Please note that there is no right for you (or any other person) to seek a waiver of this time limit.

The EPA will forward copies of any comments received to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and Transpower New Zealand Limited and the Panel.

If you comment on the application and notices of requirement, the Panel will also invite you to comment on the draft conditions at a later stage. If you do not comment on the application you will be sent notice of the decision on the applications and notices of requirement when it is made.

### **Minute of the Expert Consenting Panel**

On 3 September 2021, the Panel issued Minute 1. This Minute can be read on the EPA website at: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/listed-projects/papakura-to-drury-south-state-highway-improvements/>.

### **Further Information**

More information on the fast-track consenting process can be found at <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/about/>.

Information and advice on commenting on a fast-track consenting application can be found at <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/commenting/>.

If you have any questions please contact Gen Hewett, Project Leader by email at [papakuradrury.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz](mailto:papakuradrury.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz), or by phone on 04 474 5523.

Nākū noa, nā

Michael Savage

**Chairperson**

**Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements Expert Consenting Panel**