

Invitation for Comment on Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements

The Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements is a Listed Project under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020

Application Name	Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements – Stage 1B1
EPA Reference	FTC000015
Applicants	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and Transpower New Zealand Limited
Comments due by	Friday, 24 September 2021
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/papakura-to-drury-south-state-highway-improvements/

Notices of requirement have been lodged and applications made by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and Transpower New Zealand Limited for Stage 1B1 of Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020.

To comment on the Stage 1B1 Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements applications and notices of requirement using the form below, please fill in the details and:

- **Email** the form to papakuradrury.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz. Please mark in the subject line: “Comments on Stage 1B1 of Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements Fast Track Application (Your name/organisation) by **Friday, 24 September 2021**”; or
- **Post** the form to Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements Fast Track Application, Environmental Protection Authority, Private Bag 63002, Waterloo Quay, Wellington 6140 in time for the form to be received by the **Friday, 24 September 2021**; or
- **Deliver in person** to Environmental Protection Authority, Grant Thornton House, Level 10, 215 Lambton Quay, Wellington by the **Friday, 24 September 2021**. *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 Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements Expert Consenting Panel, no later than Friday, 24 September 2021

If your comment is not received by the EPA by **Friday, 24 September 2021** 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 Stage 1B1 Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements 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 and notices of requirement will be available on the EPA website.

If you are a corporate entity making comments on this application and notices of requirement, 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/>.

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

1. Contact Details

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

Organisation name (if relevant)	Hon Dr Megan Woods, Minister of Housing Supported by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development		
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2. *We will email you draft conditions of consent for your comment about the application and notices of requirement

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I can receive emails and my email address is correct	<input type="checkbox"/>	I cannot receive emails and my postal address is correct
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3. Please provide your comments on the application and notices of requirement

If you need more space, please attach additional pages. Please include your name, page numbers and Project name on the additional pages

I support the application be granted subject to the appropriate management of potential adverse environmental effects.

The Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Spatial Plan (the Spatial Plan) has been developed through an enduring partnership with local government, central government, and local iwi. The Spatial Plan recognises the opportunity for better linkages between Auckland and Hamilton. As a key aspect of this Spatial Plan, the Drury-Opāheke greenfields development offers increased housing and employment opportunities in this area.

The Drury-Paerata area was zoned for future urban development in the Auckland Unitary Plan. The Drury-Ohāheke Structure Plan (the Structure Plan) was developed to support Drury being developed as a transit oriented development that seeks to enable 22,000 homes and 12,000 jobs.

There is currently live-zoning for 8,000 homes and 6,500 jobs in the Drury-Paerata area. A number of projects relating to the development of Drury are currently progressing through the Resource Management Act and Covid-19 (Fast-track Consenting) Act approval processes; this includes seven private plan change requests (covering 9,000 additional homes), resources consent applications and notices of requirements for new or amended designations.

In order to achieve the outcomes sought in the Spatial Plan and Structure Plan it is recognised that the provision of infrastructure, including the transportation infrastructure is a key requirement to unlock the development of potential of the Drury Area. The proposed upgrade of SH1 between Papakura and Drury South intends to improve travel reliability, access and safety, including providing new walking and cycle facilities and allowing for planned rail improvements at Drury.

The Stage 1B1 improvements to State Highway 1 between Papakura to Drury South are critical to enabling the unlocking of development in the Drury-Opāheke greenfield development. The new Drury interchange will provide an important transportation access point to the planned Drury Town Centre and wider development in both Drury East and Drury West.

Development in Drury South is currently underway with a live-zoned business park development by Stevensons, as well as 850 homes by Classic Homes. Connection between Drury South and the rest of the Drury-Opāheke greenfield development, is crucial for ensuring the success of the development.

A fast-tracked delivery of this project plays a key part in supporting the ongoing development of the Drury, Paerata and broader southern Auckland area. It will improve the capacity of the Papakura to Drury Central interchanges on the Southern Motorway for priority vehicles, as well as assisting with connectivity and improving travel time reliability along the critical transport corridor.

Thank you for your comments