

# **Fast-Track Projects Advisory Group**

## **Report to Ministers**

**2 AUGUST 2024**

### 3. Purpose and Primary Deliverable

The purpose of the Advisory Group was to independently assess and provide recommendations to Ministers regarding projects that the Advisory Group considered suitable for listing in Schedule 2 of the Bill.

The primary deliverable of the Advisory Group was to provide a report to Ministers by 2 August 2024 which recommended:

- projects they consider should be included in Part A or Part B of Schedule 2 of the Bill, with reasons why, and which projects should not be included in Schedule 2 of the Bill, and why; and
- the priority of projects both in terms of their worthiness of being listed as well as the order in which they should be referred to the Expert Panel.

#### Sectors

The Advisory Group had to assess a significant number of applications, diverse in both nature and scale, in a limited timeframe. To better facilitate a fair assessment of similar applications we categorised projects by sectors into Aquaculture and Farming, Housing and Land Development, Infrastructure, Mining and Quarrying and Renewable Electricity. Assessing applications in the context of these sector narratives was also important in our consideration of significant regional or national benefits.

The sector narratives are detailed in Section 5 of this report.

#### Significant Regional or National Benefits

The Bill only applies to projects that can deliver significant regional or national benefits. Accordingly, a fundamental exercise for the Advisory Group was to assess applications and for members to exercise their best judgement as to whether or not the projects promoted in those applications could deliver significant regional or national benefits.

Of the 384 applications the Advisory Group are of the view that 342 projects, assessed in the context of the sector narratives, could deliver significant regional or national benefits. In that regard we consider that those projects satisfy one or more of the sub-clauses in clause 17, while also being cognisant of the broad economic benefit ground in clause 17(3).

The Advisory Group recommend that 42 applications are not listed in the Bill. The majority of these could not in our view deliver significant regional or national benefits, while others were lacking material information or were ineligible for other reasons.

## **2A Priority Five by sector – 30 total**

### **Housing and Land Development**

FTA047	Metlifecare Whenuapai
FTA066	Waikanae North
FTA069	Hobsonville Village Development
FTA092	Whenuapai Green
FTA128	GreenCycle - Advanced Composting Facility
FTA205	Saulbrey Road Residential Development
FTA212	Piripai Block Development
FTA219	Tahimana
FTA220	Pōteriwahi (Parau Farms) Housing and Recreation Development
FTA239	Ngāruawāhia King Street Residential Development
FTA259	Pohutukawa Place Development – Stages 6-12

FTA271	Bellgrove Rangiora Stages 2-5 (Bellgrove Stage 2-5)
FTA272	Whisper Creek residential village
FTA364	Wakefield Village

### **Infrastructure**

FTA214	End of Life Bridges Programme
FTA216	Hobbs Bay Marina
FTA277	Papakura to Pukekohe Route Protection - Four-tracking and Active Mode Corridor (the Project)
FTA285	Omakiwi Jetty
FTA298	<b>Out of Scope</b>
FTA301	Belfast Residential and Stormwater Management Area Development

### **Mining and Quarrying**

FTA161	Drury Quarry Expansion – Sutton Block
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FTA200	Mangawhai/Pākiri Embayment Sand Extraction Project
FTA372	Northern Block Mining Project

### **Renewable Electricity**

FTA051	Wheao Hydro-Electric Power Scheme Re-Consenting
FTA056	Kaimai Hydro-Electric Power Scheme Re-Consenting
FTA154	Tekapo Power Scheme – Applications for Replacement Resource Consents
FTA175	Wairoa Solar Farm
FTA198	Tolaga Bay Solar Farm
FTA228	Lake McKay Hydro Scheme
FTA236	Waihi Hydroelectric Power Scheme Reconsenting

**Location of project:** On the south-eastern side of Main North Road. Belfast, Christchurch.  
**Project Description:** The Belfast Residential and Stormwater Management Area Development project will construct 324 residential sites and associated infrastructure.

FTA214	New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA)	End of Life Bridges Programme	Multi-region	5	Out of Scope
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**Location of project:** Various bridges on SH network throughout New Zealand.  
**Project Description:** To replace eight high priority state highway bridges that are in an 'end of life' condition. These bridges have structural issues and risks, and it is more economically viable to replace them than to continue maintenance.

FTA216	Hopper Developments Limited	Hobbs Bay Marina	Auckland	5	Out of Scope
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**Location of project:** Costal Marine area at Hobbs Bay, Gulf Harbour, Whangaparaoa, Auckland.  
**Project Description:** The Hobbs Bay Marina Project is to construct a 310-berth marina, public boat ramp, enhanced swimming beach, and associated facilities such as car and boat trailer parking.

FTA285	Omakiwi Limited	Omakiwi Jetty	Northland	5	Out of Scope
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**Location of project:** Omakiwi Cove, Eastern Bay of Islands.  
**Project Description:** The Omakiwi Jetty Project is to construct and operate a jetty and associated hardstand area to support current and anticipated tourist vessel operations and at Omakiwi Cove. The jetty will extend into the coastal marine some 160m from the mean high-water springs so to accommodate large tourist vessels.

FTA277	Auckland Transport (AT)	Papakura to Pukekohe Route Protection - Four-tracking and Active Mode Corridor (the Project)	Auckland	5	Out of Scope
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**Location of project:** North Island Main Trunk railway line between Papakura and Pukekohe.  
**Project Description:** The Papakura to Pukekohe Route Protection – Four-tracking and Active Mode Corridor project will remove six level crossings and associated crossing interventions while establishing an active mode corridor to facilitate and support KiwiRail's four-tracking transport project. The active mode corridor will start at Pukekohe and terminate at Drury Railway Station.

## Mining and Quarrying 2A

FTA107	Matakanui Gold Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Santana Minerals Limited)	Bendigo-Ophir Gold Project	Otago	1	Out of Scope
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**Location of project:** On, and around, Bendigo and Ardgour Stations in Central Otago (within the Dunstan Mountains) approximately 20 km north of Cromwell.