

Record of Fast-Track Context Meeting

This document provides a record of the Fast-track context meeting undertaken in relation to the Klondyke Storage listed in the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). This document records the information and resources identified in the context meeting to facilitate a pre-application meeting with an applicant(s).

Project Details

Project Name:	Klondyke Storage
Authorised Person to make an application:	Mid Canterbury Water Storage Limited
Project description:	Construct storage for up to approximately 53 million cubic metres of water for irrigation to improve reliability of existing MHV Water Limited and Ashburton Lyndhurst Irrigation Limited community irrigation schemes, including realigning part of the Rangitata Diversion Race to facilitate the diversion and take of water into storage.
Approximate geographic location:	917 and 986 Shepherds Bush Road, Ruapuna, Canterbury, adjacent to the Rangitata River, approximately 38 kilometres from Ashburton.
Project Type:	Listed project
Date of pre context meeting:	23 January 2025
Attendees:	Murray Brass, Kingsley Timpson, John Blue, Dominic Kostanich, Elizabeth Esson, Stephanie Bowman, Gen Hewett Observers: Susan Smith, Marie Payne
Project History to date (including any known existing consents):	There was a previous RMA application for the Klondyke storage. DOC advice prepared by the Geraldine team provided to MfE for the project to be listed in the Act: https://environment.govt.nz/assets/what-government-is-doing/Fast-track-approved/Klondyke-Storage/256.03-DoC-Feedback-256-Redacted.pdf
Approvals that may be required under Act for the listed project (based on information available to date)	Wildlife approval likely Freshwater fisheries likely
DOC Team/Specialists that may be required in pre-app meeting:	Permissions adviser – (Stephanie Bowman as the initial contact) Brad Edwards or Kingsley Timpson if Brad not available.
Risk and Priority Assessment via Triage Status	Low From an RMA perspective – low

	<p>From an RMA perspective a standard response on conditions</p> <p>May require a Wildlife approval to translocate lizards</p> <p>The statutory land management team may or may not need to have any involvement in this project, depending on whether the project area affects the gravel reserve.</p> <p>For the first few fast track applications may want to treat this as a medium priority assessment rather than low.</p>
Likely DOC/MOC involvement in the fast-track process identified:	Likely DOC input in the application process – review of draft conditions/comments on application and wildlife approval
Any known Treaty Settlement Implications/Considerations:	<p>Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act grants a Deed of Recognition and statutory acknowledgement that requires consent authorities to give regard to the association of Ngai Tahu manawhenua.</p> <p>Te Runaka o Arowhenua are central to a collaboration of manawhenua and six government agencies with various responsibilities for the Rakitata.</p> <p>The project site is within a Treaty settlement area with statutory acknowledgement, right of first refusal and protocol area.</p>
Statutory Body implications for the project:	To be determined.
Any Conservation Management Plan implications for the project:	<p>To be determined.</p> <p>If the conservation management strategy is relevant then the conservation management strategy for the area is Canterbury (Waitaha) Conservation Management Strategy.</p>
Information to be clarified/questions for applicant during pre-lodgement consultation	<p>Is this project the same scope as the previous RMA application or different? If different, how?</p> <p>Where is the gravel reserve vested to Ashburton District Council in proximity to the project area?</p>

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Kia ora Gen

I am a bit late with the time recording as has already been auto entered and it would cost more in time to make the amendments, I will capture time for future involvements. (I also heard today that the first hour was free ?).

Re - Klondyke Storage project

- Conservation management plans

Canterbury (Waitaha) Conservation Management Strategy.

- Treaty Settlement implications.

Potential / depending upon confirmation of the activity location.

Immediately adjacent to the development site lies the riverbed of the Rakitata Awa. The Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act grants a Deed of Recognition and Statutory Acknowledgement that requires consent authorities to give regard of the association of Ngāi Tahu manawhenua.

- Statutory Body implications

Potential freshwater fisheries &, Wildlife Act authority's may be required.

Ngā mihi

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Hi All

Thanks for attending the first project context meeting yesterday.

Further to the meeting please record your time on your timesheets for the meeting from yesterday with a comment Klondyke Storage project internal context meeting. If there was any prep time for reading etc can a separate time entry be included for that with a comment to make it really clear.

- It would also be most appreciated if you could reply and consider – what conservation management plans in are in the project are for the Klondyke Storage project
- Are there and what are the Treaty Settlement implications for the project?
- What are the Statutory Body implications for the project?

These will be standard questions for future context meetings. If you are also attending the Rotokawa Solar Farm and TTRL Taranaki VTM context meetings today it would be great if these questions can be considered in preparation for the meeting.

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