

From: Max Pocock <Max.Pocock@nzta.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 22 October 2025 4:55 pm
To: FastTrackApplicationEnquiries
Subject: Petone to Grenada - FTAA Consultation on Referral Application
Attachments: P2G Route Map.pdf; pre-lodgement-fast-track-application-consultation-application-form_P2G.pdf

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Request for Fast-track Pre-lodgement Consultation

Purpose – To request pre-lodgement consultation on fast-track referral or substantive applications as required by the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

Instructions:

Please Email the completed form to fasttrackapplicationenquiries@doc.govt.nz

NOTE: DOC will recover the actual and reasonable costs incurred in consulting and assisting you before the application is lodged (whether or not the application is subsequently lodged).

Project Details

Your name: Maxwell [s9(2)(a)] Pocock	Your role & company: Principal Planner NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi
Phone number: [s9(2)(a)]	Email: max.pocock@nzta.govt.nz
*Fast-track applicant's name (Company Name and Trading Name (if different)): NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi	
*Project name and summary: Petone to Grenada Roads of National Significance. Various activities are proposed to occur along the entire project alignment. Key features include interchanges with SH1 and SH2 and two tunnelled sections. The project mainline alignment is a four-lane median barrier separated highway through a mixture of developed and undeveloped land.	
*Project site location and the location of proposed activities within the site (where appropriate): Please refer to the attached map.	
GPS location and/or map: Please see attached map.	
Is the project on Public Conservation Land? No	
*Type of Fast-track Application (referral or substantive). <i>If the substantive application is for a project listed in Schedule 2, please specify.</i> Referral	
Applicant Phone number: [s9(2)(a)]	Applicant email: max.pocock@nzta.govt.nz
Details of the proposed activity:	



Please provide supporting information to help understand the proposal, including identification of any duplications of permissions either active or applied for, clear identification of the locations of the proposed activities which relate to the approval(s) sought and any draft application documents, reports and plans.

As described previously. Activities during construction will include vegetation clearance, stream bed reclamation, wetland reclamation, stormwater discharges and the potential translocation of wildlife i.e. lizards. Survey work is underway to confirm the level of effect generated.

Details of any relevant Treaty of Waitangi settlement obligations you are aware of and any engagement you have undertaken with local iwi/hapū:

The project is currently engaging with Taranaki Whānui and Ngāti Toa.

What conservation approvals do you think may be required for the activity?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concessions under the Conservation Act 1987, Reserves Act 1977, Wildlife Act 1953, and National Parks Act 1980 	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorities provided under the Wildlife Act 1953 (including the identification of the proposed activity eg relocation, salvage, capture etc and the species affected) 	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific permissions under the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983 	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access arrangements under the Crown Minerals Act 1991 	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchanges of land under the Conservation Act 1987 or Reserves Act 1977 	TBC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amending or revoking conservation covenants under section 27 of the Conservation Act 1987 or section 77 of the Reserves Act 1977 	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other (please specify) 	

What current interests over the land are you aware of?

Scenic reserves, recreation reserves, various easements for utilities.

Is there any other additional information that may be relevant? (e.g. is the activity in a World Heritage Area?)

Date initially planning to lodge (subject to pre-lodgement consultation discussions): Referral submission 28/11/2025

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- DOC works with others to achieve its conservation goals and has a responsibility to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi in doing so. As part of that, we may share some of the high-level information you provide above (marked with a *), as well as a summary of our response to you, with our Treaty partners, conservation boards, and the New Zealand Conservation Authority. DOC will not carry

our any of your required consultation with these groups on your behalf, nor will we represent their views or the views of others in our pre-lodgement consultation with you. However, if interests are identified early on, this can help support our advice to you.

- However, if any interests are identified early, this can help support DOC's advice to you in the early steps of this application.
- Applicants should be aware that provisions of the Official Information Act may require that some or all information provided to DOC be publicly released.

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From: FastTrackApplicationEnquiries
Sent: Tuesday, 28 October 2025 9:34 am
To: Max Pocock
Subject: RE: Petone to Grenada - FTAA Consultation on Referral Application
Attachments: Cost Recovery Initial Deposit Letter - Max Pocock.pdf

Kia ora Max,

Thank you for your interest in engaging with DOC on your Fast-track Approvals application.

DOCs Fast-track (Cost Recovery) Regulations 2025 and DOCs Fast-track Cost Recovery Policy were published on 7 February 2024. Under the fast-track Cost Recovery regime applicants are required to pay a deposit prior to pre-lodgement consultation. The attached letter includes this initial deposit.

We already have NZTA account details on hand so you are not required to complete a new customer form. We are now processing an initial deposit invoice for payment that must be paid before consultation can commence. As soon as payment is received, we will assign a project lead who will be in touch to arrange an initial meeting with you.

Please note, we encourage all applicants to allow at least 3-4 weeks for effective pre-lodgement consultation with DOC.

Ngā mihi nui,

Grace Masterton (she/her)

On behalf of the Fast-track Applications team

Te Papa Atawhai | Department of Conservation

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27th October 2025

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Tēnā koe Max,

Fast-track Application – Pre-lodgement Consultation Request

Thank you for your interest in engaging with DOC in consideration of your proposed Fast-track Approvals Act (FTAA) application.

Section 104 of the FTAA allows for DOC to recover the actual and reasonable costs of pre-lodgement consultation. DOC has a standard \$204 hourly rate for all work undertaken as part of exercising its role under the FTAA, with the first hour provided free.

Before we commence work on your application, you will need to pay a deposit. Once payment is received a case manager will be appointed.

Cost estimate

Our initial deposit for your application is based on an estimated minimum of 10 hours of work. Given the first hour is free, this totals \$1,836 (before GST).

A breakdown of these estimated costs is provided in the table below:

Step	Estimated resourcing	Total time
Receive request / undertake initial assessment	1 person	2 hours
Engage DOC experts	3 people	4.5 hours
Summarise advice	1 person	2 hours
Pre-lodgement meeting with applicant	3 people	1.5 hours

The actual time spent on your application may be higher than the outlined amount above, and we will endeavour to keep you apprised of any likely additional costs before they are incurred.

More information about DOC's role under the FTAA and cost recovery can be found on the DOC [website](#). If you have any other questions please do not hesitate to contact us at fasttrackapplicationenquiries@doc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

Jenni Fitzgerald
Fast-track Applications Manager

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 December 2025 12:09 pm
To: Jenny Clafferty
Subject: Fw: Petone to Grenada - FTAA Consultation on Referral Application
Attachments: P2G Route Map.pdf

Ngā mihi nui | Thank you

Jenny Clafferty | Principal Planner
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From: Max Pocock <Max.Pocock@nzta.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 4:07:40 PM
To: Jenny Clafferty <jenny.clafferty@cuttriss.co.nz>
Subject: Petone to Grenada - FTAA Consultation on Referral Application

Kia ora Jenny,

Nice to e-meet you. I'm the planner at NZTA who is leading the charge for the Petone to Grenada Project ('P2G') which is one of the Roads of National Significance.

We are wanting to engage with the Department of Conservation to support our referral application we are looking to submit under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 ('FTAA').

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From: Jenny Clafferty <jenny.clafferty@cuttriss.co.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 10 December 2025 10:26 am
To: Jenny Clafferty
Subject: FW: P2G Introduction
Attachments: DRAFT DOC P2G FTAA Minutes - 4.12.25.docx; Attachment A - DOC briefing Ppt.pptx

Ngā mihi nui | Thank you

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Holiday period: We close at midday on Tuesday 23rd December 2025 and reopen on Monday 12th January 2026. Have a safe and enjoyable break and Meri Kirihimete from the team at Cuttriss.

From: Max Pocock <Max.Pocock@nzta.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 8 December 2025 9:00 am
To: Jenny Clafferty <jenny.clafferty@cuttriss.co.nz>; Jenni Fitzgerald <jefitzgerald@doc.govt.nz>
Cc: mpayne@doc.govt.nz; Bridget Burt <Bridget.Burt@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: P2G Introduction

Kia ora,

Please find **attached** minutes from our hui last week.

One of my actions was to provide a summary of the ecological investigations and reports we have underway to support the substantive application and who the lead ecologist is that we are using.

Our ecological services are being provided by Tonkin & Taylor, and our lead project ecologist is s9(2)(a)
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The surveys that are underway within the Project footprint include:

- Vegetation and flora assessments.

- Collection of data from up to 20 x REECE (vegetation) plots to confirm habitat values (will be used to quantify effects and inform biodiversity offsetting and compensation).
 - Detailed mapping of vegetation types and broad vegetation descriptions using the Atkinson (1985) vegetation classification system.
 - Recording of all observed Threatened or At-Risk plant species.
- Wetland assessments of up to six potential wetlands that have been identified in the proposed alignment.
 - Detailed wetland identification, mapping and classification of wetlands within 100 m of the proposed alignment as per the Wetland Delineation Protocol referenced in the Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FW), amended version October 2024.
 - Identification, and broad mapping, of any other potential wetlands discovered while completing onsite surveys.
- Avifauna surveys.
 - Completion of up to forty 5MBCs (five-minute bird counts) at 200 m spacings along the proposed alignment.
 - Collection of casual observations (geospatial information) of all At-Risk or Threatened avifauna.
- Lizard surveys.

A variety of survey methodologies to confirm presence/absence of the various species will be used. These surveys are based on their varying life habits. No one method is appropriate for detection of all species. As such we will undertake the following investigations:

 - Initial habitat mapping and site walkovers to confirm survey designs and survey locations.
 - Deployment of 300 ACOs (Artificial Cover Objects) or tracking tunnels.
 - Three checks of all deployed ACOs or replacement of tracking cards.
 - Systematic day searches for day active arboreal lizards.
 - Systematic night searches for night active arboreal lizards.
 - Targeted manual searches for forest dwelling terrestrial skinks.
- Bat surveys.
 - One deployment of up to 20 ABMs (Acoustic Bat Monitors) during the main active season (January – March).
- Invertebrate surveys.
 - Discrete habitat mapping prior to targeted surveys.
 - Targeted manual surveys for *Powelliphanta traversi*.
 - Targeted manual surveys for *Peripitus*.
 - Deployment of 15 flight interceptor traps to survey for *Allocinops brookesi*.
 - Identification of observed discrete habitat features for the above invertebrate fauna.
- Stream assessments.
 - Identification and classification of permanent and intermittent streams within the proposed alignment.
 - Completion of SEVs (Stream Ecological Valuations) on all main streams within the proposed alignment and a representative subset of their tributaries.
 - Collection of eDNA samples on all main streams within the proposed alignment and a representative subset of their tributaries.
 - Collection of 14 macroinvertebrate samples (1 replicate per site) on all main streams within the proposed alignment and a representative subset of their tributaries.

I'd note also that there is survey work underway to look at opportunities for offsetting and potential relocation sites.

Following the completion of the field investigations, a detailed Ecological Impact Assessment will be completed. The Ecological Impact Assessment will be supported by standalone report addressing the

requirements of Schedule 7 of the FTAA in relation to native lizards (and protected invertebrates if identified) to support the anticipated approvals required under the Wildlife Act being sought as part of the substantive application.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and we will look forward to receiving your feedback.

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From: Max Pocock

Sent: Friday, 5 December 2025 2:49 pm

To: 'Jenny Clafferty' <jenny.clafferty@cuttriss.co.nz>; Jenni Fitzgerald <jefitzgerald@doc.govt.nz>

Cc: Marie Payne <mpayne@doc.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: P2G Introduction

Kia ora Jenny and Jenni,

Many thanks for your time yesterday to discuss P2G. As promised, see **attached** the slide deck I used for P2G.

Early next week I will circulate some minutes and the scope of our ecological investigations.

Have a good weekend,
Max

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Jenny Clafferty <jenny.clafferty@cuttriss.co.nz>

Sent: Monday, 1 December 2025 8:42 am

To: Jenny Clafferty; Max Pocock; Jenni Fitzgerald

Cc: Marie Payne

Subject: P2G Introduction

When: Thursday, 4 December 2025 11:00 am-12:00 pm (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Thursday 4 December 2025



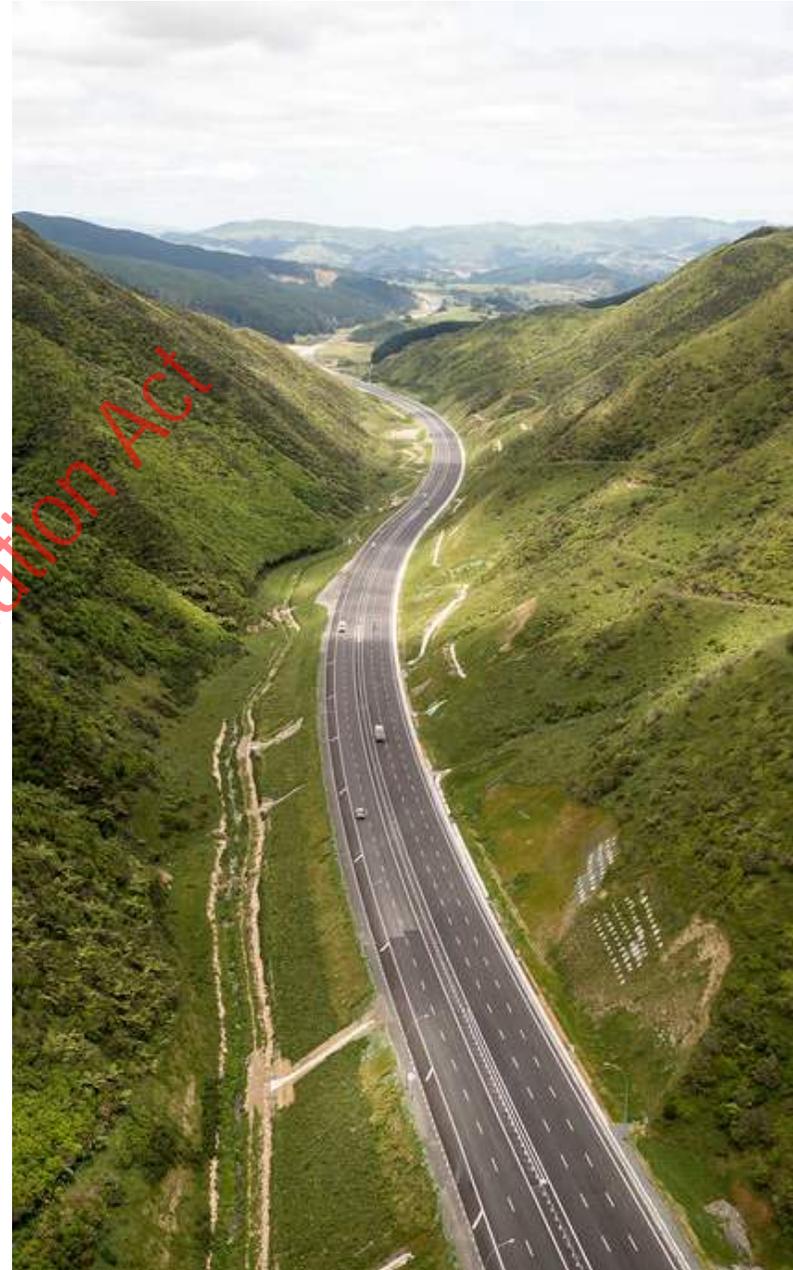
Roads of National
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Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Overview
- P2G overview – Outcome of investment case, board decision and progression into regulatory phase
- The route
 - Planning considerations
 - Approvals anticipated to be required
- Referral application
- Substantive application
- Timelines and next steps
- Questions / Discussion



Welcome and Introductions

- Progressing into the 'route protection' phase of the Project
- GPS Context for P2G

Meeting Purpose

Commence engagement with councils and regulators on the Project to inform the referral application and eventual construction and delivery of the Project.
Seek your preliminary views on issues and information NZTA needs to deliver a successful referral application.

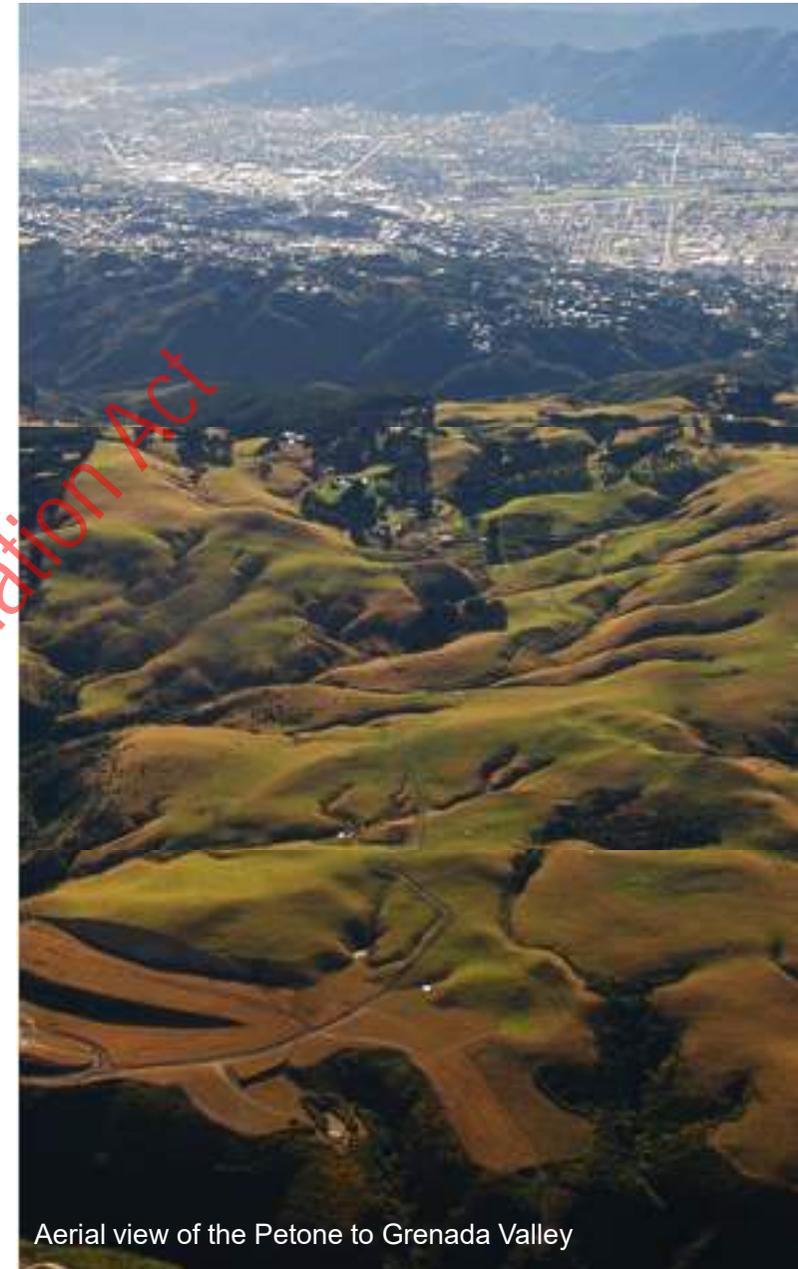


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Petone to Grenada and Cross Valley Link Road

Creating an efficient transport connection between southern Lower Hutt and north Wellington/Porirua to support economic growth and productivity, and housing development.

- The NZTA Board has approved a preferred route for the Petone to Grenada (P2G) Road of National Significance Project (RoNS) and funding to seek route protection for the project.
- NZTA has completed a feasibility study of Cross Valley Link (CVL). This included the form of CVL, its function in the traffic network, and how it would best integrate with P2G.
- The next step for the P2G project is seeking consents and protecting the route via the Fast-track Approvals Act (FTAA) in 2026.
- **Current phase:** Partnering with Mana Whenua, engaging with directly impacted landowners and stakeholders as per the FTAA requirements for P2G.
- CVL is an important project, jointly listed with P2G as a RoNs. Further work on CVL will happen later in collaboration with HCC.



Aerial view of the Petone to Grenada Valley

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Petone to Grenada and Cross Valley Link

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Objective for the Project

- To create an efficient transport connection between southern Lower Hutt and North Wellington/Porirua to support economic growth and productivity, and housing development.
- Critical success factors to determine whether the project has met its objective
 - Reducing travel times and improving travel time reliability for vehicles travelling on the state highway network between Lower Hutt, North Wellington/Porirua and Wellington
 - Improving the resilience of the regional strategic transport network
 - Improving access to and from current and future development areas (such as Lincolnshire Farms, areas around Porirua, and areas around Lower Hutt) by improving travel time on the state highway network between Lower Hutt, North Wellington/Porirua and Wellington



Statutory Context

- Planning legislation: Resource Management Act 1991, Fast-track Approvals Act 2024
- National policy direction: New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010, NPS Electricity Transmission 2008, NPS Freshwater Management 2020, NPS Indigenous Biodiversity 2023, NES Sources of Human Drinking Water 2007, NES for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health 2011, NES Freshwater 2020
- Regional and district plans and policy: Greater Wellington Regional Policy Statement, Greater Wellington Natural Resources Plan, Hutt City District Plan, Wellington City District Plan
- Other relevant legislation: Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014, Local Government Act 1974, Public Works Act 1981, Reserves Act 1977, Wildlife Act 1953



Wildlife Considerations

- Within the corridor have identified the potential for a number of characteristics/species from initial desktop assessments:
 - Up to 14 'broad' vegetation types including Mahoe, Tawa, Kohekohe, Kanuka/Manuka forest, Kanuka shrubland, tree fern forest, Ngaio coastal forest, Coastal scrubland, Native dominated scrubland, Exotic dominated scrubland, Exotic pine forest/exotic grasslands;
 - Up to 89 species of flora from the threatened species list;
 - Up to five species of Threatened / At Risk bird including North Island Kākā, New Zealand Falcon, North Island Rifleman, Red-crowned Parakeet, and Long-tailed Cuckoo;
 - Up to three gecko species including *Woodworthia maculata*, *Mokopirirakau* "southern North Island", and *Naultinus punctatus*;
 - Up to four skink species including *Oligosoma polychrome*, *aeneum*, *ornatum*, and *zelandicum*; and
 - Up to 31 species of threatened/at risk terrestrial invertebrates.

Note: the alignment will also cross some natural water courses including the Korokoro Stream.



DoC Approvals Required

- Fish salvage and relocation permits under the Fisheries Act 1996 and Conservation Act
- A wildlife permit to collect, hold, relocate or accidentally kill protected wildlife species during construction of P2G (Lizards only).
- No land exchange is proposed.



Other Approvals

Substantive application to seek:

- Resource consents and Notice of Requirement
- Archaeological authorities under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014
- Approvals to use reserves for construction and operation of P2G under the Reserves Act 1977



Referral Application

(we are here)

- Referral application in accordance with s13 of the FTAA
- We consider P2G is appropriate for referral and use of the FTAA as:
 - It's infrastructure with significant regional benefits (s22(1)(a))
 - The FTAA would facilitate its timely and efficient delivery (s22(1)(b)(i))
 - P2G would not impact the efficient operation of the FTAA process (s22(1)(b)(ii))
 - P2G is a priority project and identified in the 2024 GPS (s22(2)(a)(i))
 - P2G will result in the delivery of new regionally significant infrastructure (s22(2)(a)(ii))
 - P2G will deliver significant economic benefits (s22(2)(a)(iv))
 - P2G is generally consistent with local or regional planning documents (s22(2)(a)(x))



Scope of Referral

(s13 FTAA)

- Will be submitted by NZTA
- Will detail all of the proposed approvals at a general level of detail
- Will detail the Project and associated activities
- Confirm no ineligible or prohibited activities are involved
- Map the whole project area
- Provide a description of the anticipated adverse effects
- Provide a list of the anticipated affected persons, the consultation that has occurred, and how consultation has informed the project
- Summarise necessary interests and approvals required to complete the Project

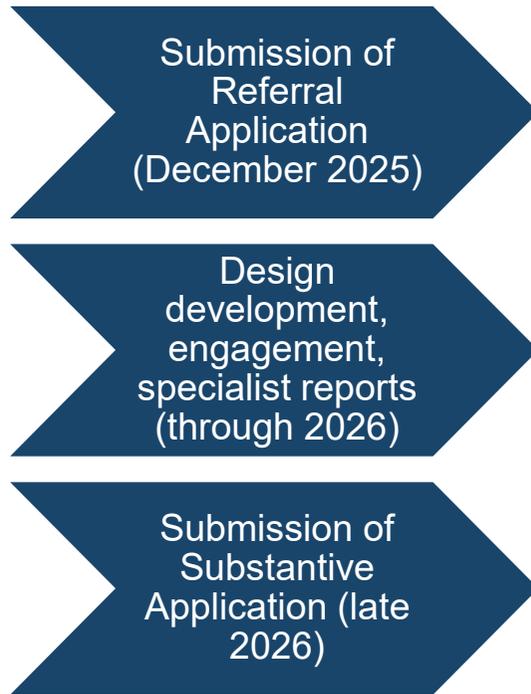


Substantive Application

- Substantive application in accordance with s42 of the FTAA
- Specialists engaged to support application include Air Quality, Construction Specialist, Contaminated Land, Cultural Values, Ecology, Economics, Historic Heritage and Archaeology, Hydrology and Stormwater, Landscape and Visual, Noise and Vibration, Recreation, Transport
- A lot of work to be done before submission, procuring designers now
- Further engagement anticipated with potentially affected persons and parties



Timelines and Next Steps



Questions / Discussion

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Date 4/12/2025

Author Max Pocock

Subject Petone to Grenada – FTAA Consultation on Referral Application – Department of Conservation

Attendees:	Jenni Fitzgerald (DoC) Jenny Clafferty (Consultant – DoC) Max Pocock (NZTA) Bridget Burt (NZTA)	Apologies:	
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Agenda

1	Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Overview
2	P2G overview – Outcome of investment case, board decision and progression into regulatory phase
3	The route – Planning considerations and Approvals anticipated to be required
4	Referral application
5	Substantive application
6	Timelines and next steps
7	Questions / Discussion

Meeting Notes / Minutes

- Discussed the purpose of the meeting, the scope of engagement required to support engagement under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA), and the current status of the Project.
- NZTA ran through a briefing Powerpoint on the Project (included as **Attachment A**) to these minutes.
- DoC raised that council reserves subject to referral FTAA application would require a s19 report in relation to the use of public conservation land. **Action:** BB was going to check s19 reporting requirements on council reserves vs crown reserves.
- Discussed generally the scope of ecological work required to support the Project. MP noted the extensive ecological surveys that NZTA have commissioned along the alignment. JC requested a summary of the survey/investigation work. **Action:** MP to provide a summary of the scope of ecological services that NZTA have commissioned for the Project.
- Confirmed that the intention is for NZTA to submit the referral application in December of 2025.
- JC ran through the DoC process for commenting on referral applications which includes obtaining comments from relevant internal SMEs. Any info before that can be supplied before the referral is submitted is appreciated.
- Generally discussed that at this stage of the Project, information is high level. As NZTA progresses with the substantive application more will be understood about potential effects associated with the Project.
- Substantive application timeline is looking at submission late 2026. Engagement with DoC during the development of the substantive application will occur throughout 2026.
- DoC emphasised importance of information sharing throughout 2026, and that the earlier information is shared the better.

From: Max Pocock <Max.Pocock@nzta.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 18 December 2025 4:38 pm
To: Jenny Clafferty
Subject: RE: P2G Introduction

You too Jenny, hopefully it's a long warm summer 😊

From: Jenny Clafferty <jclafferty@doc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 18 December 2025 4:20 pm
To: Max Pocock <Max.Pocock@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: P2G Introduction

All good, thanks Max. Have a great break and we'll touch base in the new year.

Regards

Jenny Clafferty

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To: Jenny Clafferty <jclafferty@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: P2G Introduction

Sorry Jenny, we don't have a shaprefile that I can share yet.

From: Jenny Clafferty <jclafferty@doc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 18 December 2025 4:10 pm
To: Max Pocock <Max.Pocock@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: P2G Introduction

Afternoon Max

Thank you for the update. Appreciated.

No updates at our end as yet. Do you have a shape file for the corridor?

Regards

Jenny Clafferty

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To: Jenny Clafferty <jenny.clafferty@cuttriss.co.nz>; Jenni Fitzgerald <jefitzgerald@doc.govt.nz>
Cc: Marie Payne <mpayne@doc.govt.nz>; Bridget Burt <Bridget.Burt@nzta.govt.nz>; Jenny Clafferty <jclafferty@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: P2G Introduction

Good morning Jenny,

I just wanted to provide you a quick update on the status of our referral application for Petone to Grenada.

We've elected to not submit the referral this side of the Christmas break, as there are some items in the referral that we want to cover off quickly with our appointed designers in the new year before we submit. The referral will be submitted early in 2026, and whilst the referral is being processed work will progress in parallel on the development of the substantive application.

I will of course reach out to you in the new year confirming when the referral has been submitted.

Did you have any updates on your end with how a DOC response on our referral is progressing?

I hope you have a restful break.

Max

From: Jenny Clafferty <jenny.clafferty@cuttriss.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 9 December 2025 12:18 pm
To: Max Pocock <Max.Pocock@nzta.govt.nz>; Jenni Fitzgerald <jefitzgerald@doc.govt.nz>
Cc: mpayne@doc.govt.nz; Bridget Burt <Bridget.Burt@nzta.govt.nz>; jclafferty@doc.govt.nz
Subject: RE: P2G Introduction

Thanks Max. My DOC email address is up and running now (cc'd above). If all future correspondence could go to that address would be great.

Thanks. Have a great day.

Ngā mihi nui | Thank you

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Holiday period: We close at midday on Tuesday 23rd December 2025 and reopen on Monday 12th January 2026. Have a safe and enjoyable break and Meri Kirihimete from the team at Cuttriss.

From: Max Pocock <Max.Pocock@nzta.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 8 December 2025 9:00 am
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Cc: mpayne@doc.govt.nz; Bridget Burt <Bridget.Burt@nzta.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: P2G Introduction

Kia ora,

Please find **attached** minutes from our hui last week.

One of my actions was to provide a summary of the ecological investigations and reports we have underway to support the substantive application and who the lead ecologist is that we are using.

Our ecological services are being provided by Tonkin & Taylor, and our lead project ecologist is [REDACTED] 9(2)(a)

The surveys that are underway within the Project footprint include:

- Vegetation and flora assessments.
 - Collection of data from up to 20 x REECE (vegetation) plots to confirm habitat values (will be used to quantify effects and inform biodiversity offsetting and compensation).
 - Detailed mapping of vegetation types and broad vegetation descriptions using the Atkinson (1985) vegetation classification system.
 - Recording of all observed Threatened or At-Risk plant species.
- Wetland assessments of up to six potential wetlands that have been identified in the proposed alignment.
 - Detailed wetland identification, mapping and classification of wetlands within 100 m of the proposed alignment as per the Wetland Delineation Protocol referenced in the Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FW), amended version October 2024.

- Identification, and broad mapping, of any other potential wetlands discovered while completing onsite surveys.
- Avifauna surveys.
 - Completion of up to forty 5MBCs (five-minute bird counts) at 200 m spacings along the proposed alignment.
 - Collection of casual observations (geospatial information) of all At-Risk or Threatened avifauna.
- Lizard surveys.

A variety of survey methodologies to confirm presence/absence of the various species will be used. These surveys are based on their varying life habits. No one method is appropriate for detection of all species. As such we will undertake the following investigations:

 - Initial habitat mapping and site walkovers to confirm survey designs and survey locations.
 - Deployment of 300 ACOs (Artificial Cover Objects) or tracking tunnels.
 - Three checks of all deployed ACOs or replacement of tracking cards.
 - Systematic day searches for day active arboreal lizards.
 - Systematic night searches for night active arboreal lizards.
 - Targeted manual searches for forest dwelling terrestrial skinks.
- Bat surveys.
 - One deployment of up to 20 ABMs (Acoustic Bat Monitors) during the main active season (January – March).
- Invertebrate surveys.
 - Discrete habitat mapping prior to targeted surveys.
 - Targeted manual surveys for *Powelliphanta traversi*.
 - Targeted manual surveys for *Peripitus*.
 - Deployment of 15 flight interceptor traps to survey for *Alloclinops brookesi*.
 - Identification of observed discrete habitat features for the above invertebrate fauna.
- Stream assessments.
 - Identification and classification of permanent and intermittent streams within the proposed alignment.
 - Completion of SEVs (Stream Ecological Valuations) on all main streams within the proposed alignment and a representative subset of their tributaries.
 - Collection of eDNA samples on all main streams within the proposed alignment and a representative subset of their tributaries.
 - Collection of 14 macroinvertebrate samples (1 replicate per site) on all main streams within the proposed alignment and a representative subset of their tributaries.

I'd note also that there is survey work underway to look at opportunities for offsetting and potential relocation sites.

Following the completion of the field investigations, a detailed Ecological Impact Assessment will be completed. The Ecological Impact Assessment will be supported by standalone report addressing the requirements of Schedule 7 of the FTAA in relation to native lizards (and protected invertebrates if identified) to support the anticipated approvals required under the Wildlife Act being sought as part of the substantive application.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and we will look forward to receiving your feedback.

Ngā mihi

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Sent: Friday, 5 December 2025 2:49 pm

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Cc: Marie Payne <mpayne@doc.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: P2G Introduction

Kia ora Jenny and Jenni,

Many thanks for your time yesterday to discuss P2G. As promised, see **attached** the slide deck I used for P2G.

Early next week I will circulate some minutes and the scope of our ecological investigations.

Have a good weekend,
Max

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Jenny Clafferty <jenny.clafferty@cuttriss.co.nz>

Sent: Monday, 1 December 2025 8:42 am

To: Jenny Clafferty; Max Pocock; Jenni Fitzgerald

Cc: Marie Payne

Subject: P2G Introduction

When: Thursday, 4 December 2025 11:00 am-12:00 pm (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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