



The Department recommends that you contact the Department of Conservation Office closest to where the activity is proposed to discuss the application prior to completing the application forms. Please provide all information requested in as much detail as possible. Applicants will be advised if further information is required before this application can be processed by the Department.

Please complete this application form and any other applicable forms and information and send to Department of Conservation Office closest to where the activity is proposed. The Department will process the application and issue a works approval if it is satisfied that the application meets all the requirements for granting a works approval under the National Parks Act 1980.

If you require extra space for answering please attach and label according to the relevant section.

A. Applicant Details

Name of Applicant:	Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust
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B. Description of Activity

Please describe the proposed activity(s) in detail:

Provide:

- Transport access to and from the site (Aircraft landing permit may be required)
- Working drawings showing fully dimensioned site plans, floor plans and all elevations, together with details of all major structural elements and services.
- Description of materials and a schedule of exterior finishes and colours
- An outline of the proposed construction timetable.
- The name and qualification of the person who will supervise the project.

Please attach maps of the location and any detailed site plan, any drawings of proposal and label

Attachments: 1a:A

Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust (the applicant) is proposing to develop Phase 2 of the Te Ara Mangawhero shared use trail on the southern slopes of Ruapehu Maunga.

Phase 2 is a 12.18 km shared use, dual direction trail that will traverse the lower slopes of Mt Ruapehu adjacent to the upper section of the Ohakune Mountain Road. As well as forming the start of the Mountains to Sea Great Ride, the trail will be a new part of the Round the Mountain (RTM) track and remove the existing 3km section of road from that multiday walking experience.

The proposed trail will generally be an easy, grade 3 trail that enables a high level of access by users of a wide range of ages and abilities.

As the trail is a shared use trail, its design considers dual use and dual flow of users. The design has incorporated a range of tools to facilitate safe use by people on foot and on bikes.

The width of the completed trail will be 0.9 metres for the majority, extending to 1.5 metres where terrain permits to allow for easy passing and shared use. The trail will have an all-weather compacted gravel and board walked surface. The proposed Phase 2 trails are shown on the attached map. An Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) document has been developed that considers the effects of this proposed development on the values etc of the lands where it is proposed. It also contains key information on the design and development of the trail and associated structures.

To enable a comprehensive understanding of the project and its effects, the full AEE needs to be read in full.

A map of the proposed trail in full can be found on Page 7 of the AEE.

Helicopters will be required to facilitate the development of the trail and associated structures. More information on the proposed use of helicopters can be found in section 3.5.1 of the associated AEE document.

Information on the design of the trail and the associated boardwalks can be found in Section 3 and Appendix 12 of the AEE document. Section 3.4 is a summary of key details. Appendix 12 is a construction management plan which sets out key details on the trail design and development and associated structures.

The exact location and type of signage and cultural features have yet to be determined. Once the trail is physically developed there will be a better understanding of the nature and type of signs required. The exact content and design of these signs has yet to be confirmed.

The trail is anticipated to take between 12 to 18 months to develop depending on the weather. The Applicant would like to start the development of the trail in February 2025.

Trail development will be supervised by a New Zealand Cycle Trails certified Master Trail Builder Tim Dodge.

C. Term

Please detail the duration of the works: (e.g. 1 Apr – 31 Oct 2012)

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(29 Feb 2025 – 31 July 2026).

D. Environmental Impact Assessment

This section is one of the most important factors that will determine the Department's decision on the application. Please answer in detail.

In column 1 please list all the locations of your proposal. In column 2 list any special features of the environment or the recreation values of that area. Then in column 3 list any effects (positive or adverse) that your activity may have on the values or features in column 2. In column 4 list the ways you intend to mitigate, remedy or avoid any adverse effects noted in column 3. Please add extra information or supporting evidence as necessary and label Attachment 1a:C.

Refer to Steps 1 and 2 in your Guide to Environmental Impact Assessment to help you fill in this section.

Location on public conservation land	Special feature or value	Potential effects of your activity on the feature or value (positive or adverse)	Methods to remedy, mitigate or avoid any adverse effects identified
<i>The associated AEE document contains a full assessment of the impacts of the proposed development and how these impacts are to be addressed. It is important that this assessment is considered against the wider assessment of effects. Section 7 of the AEE details the potential effects associated with the proposed trail. Specific elements are referenced below.</i>			
Tongariro National Park as per Figure 10 of the AEE	Ecological Effects	Refer sections 7.1.3, 7.2 and Appendix 8 of the AEE	
	Landscape/visual Effects	Refer sections 7.5 and Appendix 9 of the AEE	
	Recreation Effects	Refer section 7.1.1 and 7.4 of the AEE	
	Historic Effects	Refer section 7.6 and Appendix 10 of the AEE	
	Cultural Effects	Refer section 7.1.4, 7.3 and Appendix 7 and of the AEE	
	World Heritage Effects	Refer section 7.8 of the AEE	
	A description of all other effects can be found in section 7 of the AEE with a consideration of these effects against the Tongariro National Park Management Plan in Sections 5 and Appendix 5.		

E. Other

Is there any further information you wish to supply in support of your application? Please attach if necessary and label Attachment 1a:D.

All wider relevant information can be found in the attached AEE including details on engagement (Section 8), alternative routes considered (Section 4) the history and feasibility of the proposed project.