



# Nationally Significant Proposal Application Form

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It is recommended that information requirements are discussed with Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) staff before the matter is lodged with the EPA. Contact details are on the EPA website (<http://www.epa.govt.nz>) or call (04) 916 2426.

All legislative references relate to the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) unless stated otherwise.

## Part I: Application Details

**This part of the form reflects information requirements of the Resource Management (Forms, Fees, and Procedure) Regulations 2003.**

To the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA),

### Applicant Details

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All correspondence to:

- Applicant
- Consultant

Describe the location of the proposed activity including its natural and physical characteristics and any adjacent uses that may be relevant to consideration of the application.

The proposed East West Link Project is located in the vicinity of and between State Highway 20 (SH20) in Onehunga and State Highway 1 (SH1) in Mt Wellington, Auckland. The location of the proposed activity is shown in the Designation Plans and in the drawings in *Plan Set 1: General Drawings* in Volume 2.

A full description of the existing environment, including the adjacent land uses is provided in Section 11 of the *Assessment of Effects on the Environment* in Volume 1.

Describe the location of the proposed activity as it is commonly known and in a way that will enable it to be easily identified e.g.: street address; the legal description; name of any relevant stream, river or water body to which the application relates; proximity to any well-known landmark; and grid reference.

From west to east the proposed East West Link commences at the existing SH20 Neilson Street interchange in Onehunga. Eastwards it goes along the northern edge of the Māngere Inlet being partially on land and partially on land to be reclaimed in the coastal marine area. The Project includes new and upgraded local road connections in Onehunga and Penrose. At the eastern end of Māngere Inlet the alignment traverses Anns Creek on a viaduct and then crosses Great South Road to the existing Sylvia Park Road. At the eastern end of Sylvia Park Road two new ramps will connect East West Link to SH1 south of the existing Mt Wellington Highway interchange. From the proposed new ramps SH1 will be widened to accommodate an additional lane in each direction southwards to Princes Street. A new bridge over SH1 will be constructed at Panama Road to accommodate widening along SH1. The existing culverts over Ōtāhuhu Creek will be removed and replaced with a new SH1 bridge. A new bridge and reconfigured on/off ramps at Princes Street Interchange will form the southern extent of the works.

## Part II: Matter Lodged With the EPA

### **Sections 145, 148 and 149ZB, Resource Management Act 1991**

**This part of the form reflects the information requirements of Form 16A of the Resource Management (Forms, Fees, and Procedure) Regulations 2003.**

#### **Proposal Details**

Provide a list of the local authorities under whose administrative jurisdiction consent is required, and any staff members with whom the proposal has been discussed.

Auckland Council  
Andrew Gysberts – Team Manager, Major Infrastructure Projects  
Tim Hegarty – Senior Planner, Major Infrastructure Projects  
Rebecca Greaves – Principal Planner, Plans and Places

Provide a description of the proposal to which the matter relates.

The Project addresses the heavily congested roads in the Onehunga, Penrose and Mt Wellington areas of Auckland. This area is one of the key economic hubs of Auckland – it is the main industrial, transport and distribution hub for the city and the upper North Island.

The Project will deliver a new four lane arterial road between SH20 at the Neilson Street Interchange in Onehunga, and SH1 at Mt Wellington (referred to as the Main Alignment), as well as widening of SH1 between the Mt Wellington Interchange and Princes Street Interchange at Ōtāhuhu. It includes new and upgraded local road connections to and within Onehunga and Penrose and a grade separated intersection at Great South Road. It also includes new or upgraded cycle and pedestrian facilities.

The Project will enhance connectivity to, within and around the Onehunga-Penrose commercial and industrial area, reducing travel times for all users, including freight, and enhancing walking and cycle accessibility.

The Project includes the naturalisation of the existing highly modified coastal edge, which provides opportunities for enhanced public access and water quality improvements, assisting to restore the mauri of the Māngere Inlet.

The proposed work is described in full in *Part C: Description of the Project* in the *Assessment of Effects on the Environment* in Volume 1.

This information accompanies:

- 1 or more of the following applications for a resource consent
- 1 or more of the following applications for a change to or cancellation of the conditions of a resource consent
- 1 or more of the following requests for the preparation of a regional plan
- 1 or more of the following changes to a plan proposed by the local authority
- 1 or more of the following variations to a proposed plan
- 1 or more of the following notices of requirement for a designation or to alter a designation
- 1 or more of the following notices of requirement for a heritage order or to alter a heritage order.

A relevant additional EPA application form is required for **each** of the matters applied for as part of a Nationally Significant Proposal. Please ensure the additional forms have been completed as required (Resource Consent Form, Change or Cancellation of Conditions Form, Plan Change Form, Notice of Requirement Form). **Note:** Any relevant council application forms must be attached.

Does the proposal relate to an activity that is part of a proposal of national significance in relation to which one or more matters have already been subject to a direction under section 142(2) or 147(1)(a) or (b) (please tick)?:

- Yes.
- No.

If you have answered yes to the question above, please provide the following information to identify the matter for which a direction by the Minister has been made:

Project name:	
EPA reference number:	EPA Project Leader:

The proposal relates (please tick one):

- wholly to the coastal marine area; or
- partly to the coastal marine area; or

- does not relate to the coastal marine area.

Please note if the matter relates wholly to the coastal marine area, references to the Minister in this form should be read as the Minister of Conservation. If the matter relates to the coastal marine area in part, references to the Minister in this form should be read as the Minister for the Environment and Minister of Conservation.

Please confirm that you wish the Minister(s) to make a direction under section 147(1)(a) or (b) to refer the matter to a board of inquiry OR to the Environment Court for decision, on the grounds that the matter is or is part of a matter of national significance. Please indicate your preference (tick one):

- a direction to refer the matter to a board of inquiry; OR
- a direction to refer the matter to the Environment Court.

Please provide further views as to your preference above and outline any other recommendation sought as to the course of action.

A board of inquiry is the preferred approach as it provides certainty on consenting timeframes.

Please note the Minister will only direct the matter to a board of inquiry or the Environment Court for decision if they consider that the matter is, or is part of, a proposal of national significance. In deciding whether a matter is, or is part of, a proposal of national significance the Minister may have regard to any relevant factor, including the factors set out in section 142(3) of the RMA.

## Part III: Additional Optional Information

**This part of the form includes optional additional information that will help in processing the application.**

It would be helpful for you to indicate whether, in your view, any of the following factors are relevant to this matter (tick factors of relevance):

- the matter has aroused widespread public concern or interest regarding its actual or likely effect on the environment (including the global environment)
- the matter involves, or is likely to involve, significant use of natural and physical resources
- the matter affects, or is likely to affect, a structure, feature, place, or area of national significance
- the matter affects, or is likely to affect, or is relevant to, New Zealand's international obligations to the global environment
- the matter results, or is likely to result, in or contribute to, significant or irreversible changes to the environment (including the global environment)
- the matter involves, or is likely to involve, technology, processes, or methods that are new to New Zealand and that may affect its environment
- the matter is, or is likely to be, significant in terms of section 8
- the matter will assist the Crown in fulfilling its public health, welfare, security, or safety obligations or functions
- the matter affects, or is likely to affect, more than one region or district
- the matter relates to a network utility operation that extends or is proposed to extend to more than one district or region
- other relevant factors. (Please describe).

Please provide reasons why you consider the selected factors support your application to have a direction made in relation to the matter.

#### **Public interest**

Based on strong local interest to date it is anticipated there is likely to be widespread interest through the statutory process. Public interest will likely arise in relation to new structures and works at Te Hōpua Tuff Ring in Onehunga (identified as an Outstanding Natural Feature) and Anns Creek and the potential extent and effects of works within the Coastal Marine Area.

#### **Significant use of natural and physical resources**

The EWL involves major new infrastructure over a distance of around 5.5km. Approximately half is within the Coastal Marine Area and incorporates a large area of reclamation. The project will affect sites identified as having significant landscape, geology, ecology and cultural values.

#### **Significant or irreversible changes to the environment**

Reclamation will result in an irreversible change to the environment.

#### **Public health, welfare, security or safety**

The state highway network provides a critical role in facilitating economic development, connecting communities and contributing to the health and wellbeing of New Zealanders. The East West Link will assist the welfare and safety of communities by providing a new state highway and improved transport infrastructure to support economic development and maintain safety for all road users.

#### **Affect more than one region or district**

The Onehunga-Penrose area is an integral component of the Upper North Island Freight network and is a regional hub for transport and distribution activity. The area contains MetroPort inland port, Southdown, KiwiRail and Toll freight terminals and a large number of other major distribution and logistics firms, taking advantage of the area's proximity to key markets and the strategic road and rail network.

The EWL will improve transport connections between SH20 and SH1 and also to and from Onehunga-Penrose. The Project will support the freight needs of Auckland and will also support integration of the road and rail network within the Upper North Island. Accordingly, the EWL will affect more than one region as the anticipated project benefits will extend to economic activities in the Northland, Waikato and Bay of Plenty Regions, as well as Auckland.

#### **Extend more than one region or district**

SH20 and the proposed East West Link connect in with SH1 and the wider State highway network which are a network utility operation that extends to more than one district or region.

#### **Other relevant factors**

The Auckland Plan was adopted by the Auckland Council in 2012 and sets a vision to guide Auckland's future growth over the next 30 years. The Plan identifies the East West Link as the second highest priority transport project for Auckland to support that growth. In January 2016, the Prime Minister John Key confirmed the Project's priority and the Government's commitment to its completion.

Please provide any further views that you have, as the applicant, regarding whether the matter(s) should be referred to a board of inquiry or the Environment Court, and any other recommendations sought as to the course of action.

Please note that your views will be considered but will not determine the recommendation of the EPA or the Minister's direction.

Attach any written approvals that have been received from any potentially affected parties (refer to section 104 (3)(a)(ii)).

No written approvals have been received.

The EPA must serve notice of an application for a Nationally Significant Proposal to the owner(s) and occupier(s) of the land to which the matter(s) relates and of adjoining land (s 149C(4)). Attach the names and addresses of any owner(s) and occupier(s). **Note:** It is preferable that you discuss this with EPA staff prior to lodging your application.

The schedule of land required is identified and legally described in the *Designation Plans* attached to Notice of Requirement 1 and Notice of Requirement 2, in the Schedule of Directly Affected Land attached to the notices of requirement and in the Schedule of Land attached to the resource consent form. For privacy reasons, the schedule does not include the owner/occupier names for each property.

## Part IV: Signature

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this application is true and correct.

I understand that the EPA can recover its actual and reasonable costs associated with processing this application (refer to section 149ZD of the RMA).

If the EPA determines that any application for a resource consent or an application for a change to or cancellation of the conditions of a resource consent is incomplete, it may return the application.

I understand that I must serve the relevant local authority with notice of this matter together with notice of its lodgement with the EPA.



16 December 2016

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Signature of applicant (or person authorised to sign on behalf of application)      Date

**Note:** Please complete the checklist on the following page prior to lodging this application. The checklist is designed to assist you in providing all relevant information and is not intended to be an exhaustive list of requirements.

## Nationally Significant Proposal Application Checklist

General checklist	✓
The application has been discussed with the EPA.	✓
A NSP Application Form completed and attached.	✓
As the applicant, you note and is aware that there may be costs associated to this application.	✓
The form (and other relevant forms) are signed and dated.	✓
All application documentation is to be page numbered and referenced. Please include the page number(s) where these reasons are provided (e.g. Volume 1, pages 1 to 10).	✓
A relevant EPA application form has been completed and attached for each matter relating to this proposal. These forms are the: Resource Consent Form, Change or Cancellation of Conditions Form, Plan Change Form, and Notice of Requirement Form. Please note how many other forms have been attached.	✓ 3
Any relevant council application forms have been attached.	✓
An accurate description of the proposal has been provided.	✓
An accurate and appropriate identification of the location of the proposed activity has been provided.	✓
Identification of whether it relates wholly, partly, or does not relate to the coastal marine area.	✓
Indication of factors to support the application being considered as a NSP.	✓
Confirmation that you requests that the Minister(s) make a direction under s 147(1).	✓
A list of all relevant local authorities under whose administrative jurisdiction resource consent is required.	✓