Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 **Substantive Application Process**

This process allows an applicant to apply to the Minister of Infrastructure to have a project referred to the Fast-track substantive (detailed) application process.

Council input Public liaison with Elected Councillors EPA / Panel convener / Panel input

Process under Fast Track Approvals Act. Decison Maker and Assessment of Proposal - Ministry for Infrastructure Input to **FTAA Process**

Applicant:

- · completes preliminary steps
- engages with the Fast-track team to understand the process and access the application portal
- for listed projects, completes pre-lodgement consultation

Council involved in pre-application consultation if the applicant requests it

Applicant lodges substantive application for relevant approvals and pays levy and application fee

Projects referred to the Fast-track process must be lodged within 2 years of their referral (or another deadline set by the Minister for Infrastructure)

Fast-track team determines if the application is complete

15 working days

Application returned to applicant if incomplete

Fast-track team makes recommendation or decision on competing applications or existing resource consents for the same activity

10 working days

Public can discuss proposal with Elected Councillors who will have opportunity to provide Elected **Member Statements**

Fast-track team provides application to the panel convener

Panel convener requests other advice and reports and invites comments from relevant agencies and officials listed in the Act

Panel convener appoints a panel of up to four members

Panel invites comments from other people or groups

Comments provided within 20 working days. Applicant has 5 working days to respond.

The panel convener and associate panel conveners appoint expert panels and timeframes

Panel convener receives other advice and reports and comments from relevant agencies and officials listed

Comments, advice and reports received within 10 working days after the request for comments from other people

in the Act

Panel may hold a hearing

listed in the Act

or groups

Council provides Technical Officer input defending QLDC plans and strategies and **Elected Member** Statements provided to Minister

Panel provides draft conditions or draft decision for comment, depending on intended decision, and receives comments from Minister for Māori Crown Relations and the Minister for Māori Development

Applicant can respond to comments or draft decision

Panel and Fast-track team notify applicant and publish decision

Opportunity for:

- minor corrections to the decision
- appeal notice

20 working days

Expert panel makes determination of decision and any conditions of consent with consultation with Council

Important notes

- 1. Council are provided the application by Environment Protection Authority. Council is not the decision maker. This role is held by an appointed Expert Panel for each application.
- 2. Public may request application from Environment Protection Authority or the applicant

