

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL - WHANGAREI DISTRICT COUNCIL

**NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR
NEW RESOURCE CONSENTS AND NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT**

The following applications have been received by the Northland Regional Council and the Whangarei District Council from ONTRACK - New Zealand Railways Corporation for the construction, operation and maintenance of a new rail corridor approximately 20km long between the North Auckland Rail Line at Oakleigh to the Northport gate at Marsden Point.

The applications received by the Northland Regional Council are for all necessary resource consents, including (but not limited to) coastal, discharge, and water permits and land use consent and the Whangarei District Council has received a notice of requirement (NOR) for designation and land use consent applications. The area of the proposed designation and the area of the resource works are shown on the following plan. The applications are hereby publicly notified pursuant to Section 93(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

APPLICANT: ONTRACK – a division of New Zealand Railways Corporation
ADDRESS FOR SERVICE: C/O Beca Planning PO Box 6345 Wellesley Street Auckland 1141. Attn: Fiona Blight
LOCATION: A 20 kilometre long proposed rail corridor, running from the North Auckland Line at Oakleigh (south of Whangarei City) along the coastal marine area on the northern side of State Highway 1, then through Mata Hill to Flyers Road (on the northern side of the Ruakaka River), then on to One Tree Point Road (west) and from there to the port at Marsden Point. (Refer below plan.)

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL APPLICATIONS

ACTIVITIES

All necessary resource consents including but not limited to:

Coastal Permits related to the construction of the proposed rail line including

- To authorise reclamation of approximately 22 hectares of foreshore and seabed running for approximately 3 km along the coastal strip adjoining SH1, on average approximately 70m wide (but up to 270m wide at the Oakleigh end) incorporating fill and seawalls, and stormwater discharge structures. A rail embankment will be built on top of this reclamation.
- To exclusively occupy the coastal marine area for the duration of construction activities for works during the construction of the reclamation, bridges, culverts and ancillary structures.
- To remove soft sediment, and working on the foreshore and seabed during construction.
- To remove vegetation, including mangroves and saltmarsh species for the area of reclamation (22ha) and removal of a small amount of saltmarsh habitat between Oakleigh and the Mangapai Creek, together with adjacent mangroves as a result of works associated with construction.
- To deposit material on the foreshore and seabed during construction.
- To discharge stormwater containing some fine silts into the coastal marine area during construction of the reclamation.
- To construct, place and use structures in the coastal marine area, including culverts and any ancillary activities and any associated stormwater structures including overflow pipes and the construction of four rail bridges and associated pile foundation structures for the use of a rail line.
- To disturb up to 850 cubic metres volume and 22ha of the foreshore and seabed including as result of reclamation, piling activities, mangrove removal and other activities associated with the construction of structures in the coastal marine area.
- To dredge as part of construction some channels or other areas as may be required.

Coastal Permits Related to the Operation of the Rail Line Including:

- To discharge stormwater with contaminants related to the operation of the rail line located on the reclamation
- To exclusively occupy that part of the coastal marine area which will include reclamation, bridges, culverts and other ancillary structures
- To use and maintain structures in the coastal marine area in the future

Resource consents in relation to construction earthworks outside the riparian management zone including:

- To excavate, drill, disturb and deposit, damage, or disturb the habitats of plants or animals in, on or under the land.
- To carry out both cut and fill operations with the largest filling along the length of the route occurring between Oakleigh and Mata Hill where reclamation of the existing coastal marine area is undertaken and the largest amount of earthworks (cut approximately 22 metres deep) through Mata Hill, and other related work

Resource consents in relation to construction earthworks within the riparian management zone including:

- To excavate, drill, disturb and deposit substances in, or under the land; and in particular both cut and fill operations at some locations aligned with the Ruakaka River floodplain.
- To construct a low embankment (1 to 2.7m high) at the point where the rail alignment continues through the Ruakaka Valley, to lift the rail line above the predicted 100 year event flood level.
- To carry out earthworks associated with the construction of a rail bridge at the unnamed tributary of the Ruakaka River (at grid reference Q0737917) for crossing the tributary, and other related works.

The resource consent applications and Notice of Requirement and may be inspected at the locations listed at the end of this combined public notice. Please contact Karen Bell at Hill Young Cooper (09 5292684) if you have any questions about either the resource consent applications or the Notice of Requirement.

If you wish to make a submission on the resource consent applications to the Northland Regional Council you may do so by sending a written submission to the Northland Regional Council, Private Bag 9021, Whangarei 0148; (Fax: 09 438 0012), or e-mailed to mailroom@nrc.govt.nz no later than Tuesday 12 May 2009. Submission forms are available from the Northland Regional Council's Customer Services counter at 36 Water Street, Whangarei, the offices of Hill Young Cooper 4, Lawson Williams Building, 128 Broadway, Newmarket, Auckland and can also be downloaded from the Council's website: <http://www.nrc.govt.nz>.

Also, if you wish to make a submission on the above Notice of Requirement you may do so by sending a written submission to the Whangarei District Council, Resource Consents Department, Private Bag 9023, Whangarei Mail Centre, Whangarei 0148; (Fax: 09 438 7632), or e-mailed to mailroom@wdc.govt.nz or on its website <http://www.wdc.govt.nz/submissions> no later than Tuesday 12 May 2009. Submission forms are available from the Whangarei District Council's Customer Services counter at Forum North Building, Rust Avenue, Whangarei, the Hikurangi Service Centre, 7 King Street, Hikurangi, and the Ruakaka Service Centre, Takutai Place, Ruakaka, and also the offices of Hill Young Cooper 4/128 Broadway, Newmarket, Auckland.

In both cases your submission must be dated, signed by you, and include the following information:

- Your name, postal address, telephone number and fax number, email address (if applicable);
- Details of the Notice of Requirement, or resource consent application, in respect of which you are making the submission and the specific parts of the notice of requirement, or resource consent application that your submission relates to;
- Whether you support or oppose the specific parts of the Notice of Requirement or wish to have them amended and the reasons for your views, or whether you support, oppose or are neutral in regard to any, or any particular parts of, the application/s for resource consents;
- Give details of the recommendations that you want the Whangarei District Council to make to ONTRACK including the general nature of any conditions to the Notice of Requirement, or otherwise and the decisions sought from the Regional Council in regard to the resource consent applications- whether to grant, (with or without conditions) or refuse consent;
- Whether you wish to appear before the Hearings Committee and speak in support of your submission; and

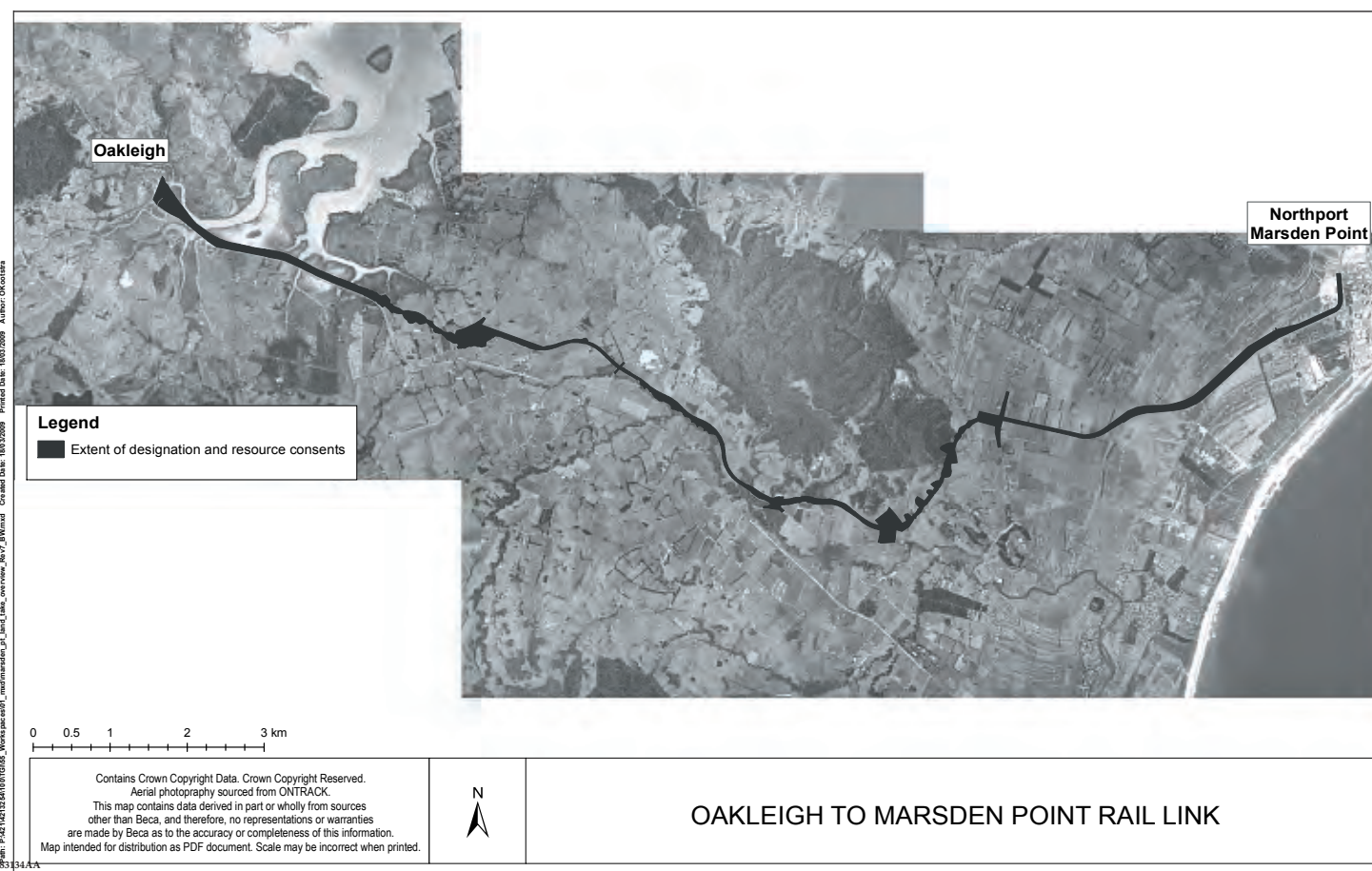
If you would consider making a joint presentation at a council hearing with others who have lodged similar submissions to your own. A person who makes a submission on either the resource consent applications, or the Notice of Requirement shall serve a copy of it/them on the applicant ONTRACK (C/o Beca Planning PO Box 6345 Wellesley Street, Auckland 1141 – Attn Fiona Blight) as soon as reasonably practicable after serving the submission on the Council(s).

The above-mentioned resource consent applications and Notice of Requirement and accompanying information may be viewed at:

- The Northland Regional Council's offices, 36 Water Street, Whangarei;
- Whangarei District Council Service Centre, Forum North Building, Rust Avenue, Whangarei;
- Whangarei District Council's Ruakaka Service Centre, Takutai Place, Ruakaka;
- Whangarei District Council's Hikurangi Service Centre, 7 King Street, Hikurangi;
- Hill Young Cooper, Level 4, Lawson Williams Building, 128 Broadway, Newmarket, Auckland
- Whangarei Central Library, 7 Rust Ave, Whg;
- Kamo Library, 583 Kamo Road, Kamo;
- Onerahi Library, Commins Road;

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**WHANGAREI
DISTRICT COUNCIL
APPLICATION**

The Whangarei District Council has received a Notice of Requirement for a designation from ONTRACK, a division of New Zealand Railways Corporation (a requiring authority).

The Notice of Requirement was served on Whangarei District Council for a designation for all works associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of a rail corridor within the designated area in the location described below and as shown on the plan above. The works included in the Notice of Requirement are:

- provision for a two lane Rail Link (except at Mata Hill where it will be one lane),
- provision for sidings and yards at Marsden Point,
- public road crossings at Oakleigh Wharf Road, Hewlett Road, Cotton Road, Flyers Road, and One Tree Point Road (west),
- private access ways and underpasses at various locations, • vegetation removal, mitigation and restoration works,
- structures and all ancillary activities associated with these works within the designated area;
- and all works associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of that part of the Rail Link extending on to the proposed reclamations once the areas are reclaimed. The land affected by the designation is shown in detailed plans accompanying the Notice of Requirement. The legal description of the properties on which the designation is located are included in a schedule attached to the Notice of Requirement.