



MIN-4018 (INV22-2682) - Meeting with Portage Crossing to Discuss Plans to Build a Pontoon at Māngere Bridge

30 November 2022

Provide advice on a meeting request from Portage Crossing to discuss plans to build a pontoon at Māngere Bridge.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

Waka Kotahi was contacted by s 9(2)(a) in December 2021 regarding a temporary recreational facility (Pontoon) next to the Port of Onehunga.

Our initial advice based on the information provided at that early stage was principally, Waka Kotahi would not have an objection to this proposal as a temporary facility only. The following key points were provided to s 9(2)(a) to consider as he worked through the detail of the proposal:

- *Waka Kotahi only owns a very small piece of land affected by this proposal. You will need to engage with other relevant parties and seek their approvals as well. Based on your proposal, it is very likely that you may need a coastal consent from Auckland Council as the proposal impacts on the common marine and coastal area. You will also need to engage with Auckland Transport around how this proposal fits in with their PT and ferry strategy for the area;*
- *Auckland Light Rail project (ALR) – it is likely that the future alignment of light rail would impact this site. We are not in a position to confirm this at this stage as the ALR team is still working through alignment proposals following the Minister's recent announcement;*
- *Whilst we have no short-term operational and maintenance requirements for the land in question, this would have to be a temporary facility, which will require a Licence to Occupy agreement, with clear conditions;*
- *You will need to make a request to put the proposed pedestrian walkway in Designation 6774. The Licence to Occupy would be part of this process. Note, Waka Kotahi is not responsible for maintenance of the facility and associated infrastructure.*

Following this, Waka Kotahi understands that s 9(2)(a) reached out to Auckland Council in March 2022 regarding the consent process for the temporary structure, and information on a similar structure at Ōrākei Basin.

Auckland Council responded to s 9(2)(a) on 23 March 2022 (copying in Waka Kotahi officials) advising that its Resource Consents team were not currently providing their pre-application meeting service at present due to extreme workloads, and the impacts of COVID-19. s 9(2)(a) was encouraged to discuss any potential safety issues with the Harbourmaster's Office and to approach his Local Board to gain support for the temporary structure.

Waka Kotahi has not had any further correspondence on this matter since March 2022 and suggests Auckland Council may be able to provide further advice on a potential meeting.