

BOARD OF INQUIRY A TYPICAL TIMELINE

Note: the EPA and BOI will decide these processes.
This is what we expect may occur (from other examples).

ROLES IN A BOARD OF INQUIRY

NZ Transport Agency (Applicant)

- Consults
- Considers options
- Prepares/lodges the Notice of Requirement (NOR) and resource consent applications
- Supports the project in hearing

Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)

- Notify and assess NOR/resource consent applications
- Process & administration

Minister for the Environment and Minister of Conservation

- Determines whether the proposal is a matter of national significance
- Appoints the independent board members

Submitters

- Raise support or issues on project and changes to plans and/or conditions they want to see

Submitters may be:

- Mana Whenua
- Council (including Panuku, Auckland Transport and Council experts)
- Owners and occupiers
- Community groups
- Industry groups
- Interested parties & agencies
- Public

Friend of the Submitter

- Independent (EPA appointed)
- Can give advice on process, including whether/ how to submit or what to put in a submission
- No cost to submitters

Board of Inquiry (BoI)

- Independent group of decision makers
- Determines/approves project and conditions

PRE-NOTIFICATION

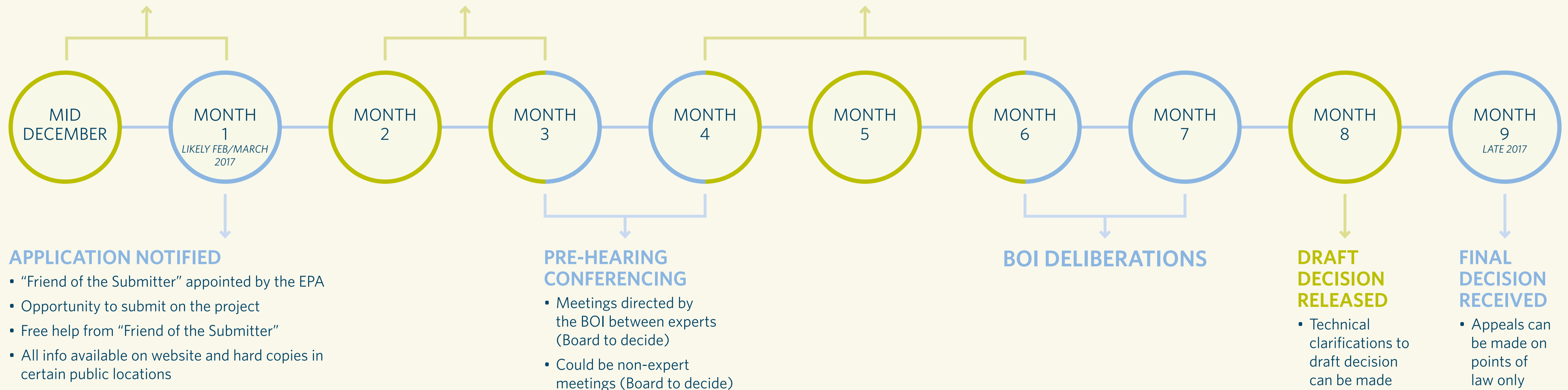
- Ministerial decision to refer the matter to a board of inquiry
- Non-technical summary available
- AEE, technical reports and design plans available
- Board of Inquiry (BoI) appointed

PRE-HEARING STEPS

- The NZ Transport Agency will liaise with submitters on issues highlighted in their submissions
- Opportunity for people to get support in preparing evidence ("Friend of Submitter")
- Exchange of evidence

HEARING

- Evidence presented
- Estimated to run for 4-6 weeks
- May include extra conferencing during this time



BOARD OF INQUIRY PROCESS

ONCE THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN LODGED, WHERE CAN I FIND THE DOCUMENTS?

From **early 2017** the following information will be available on our website:

www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/east-west-link

1. A non-technical summary that summarises all of the key pieces of information in the documentation including the Project description and Assessment of Effects on the Environment (AEE).

2. The full AEE. The AEE provides a full description of the project, the alternatives considered, an analysis of the project's actual and potential environmental effects, recommended mitigation measures, and an analysis against the relevant policy documents
3. Technical Reports and supporting information
4. Drawing Set

Once the application has been formally notified by the EPA, this information will be available to download from the EPA website and in hard copy at a number of locations (likely Auckland Council service centres, however this will be confirmed closer to the time).

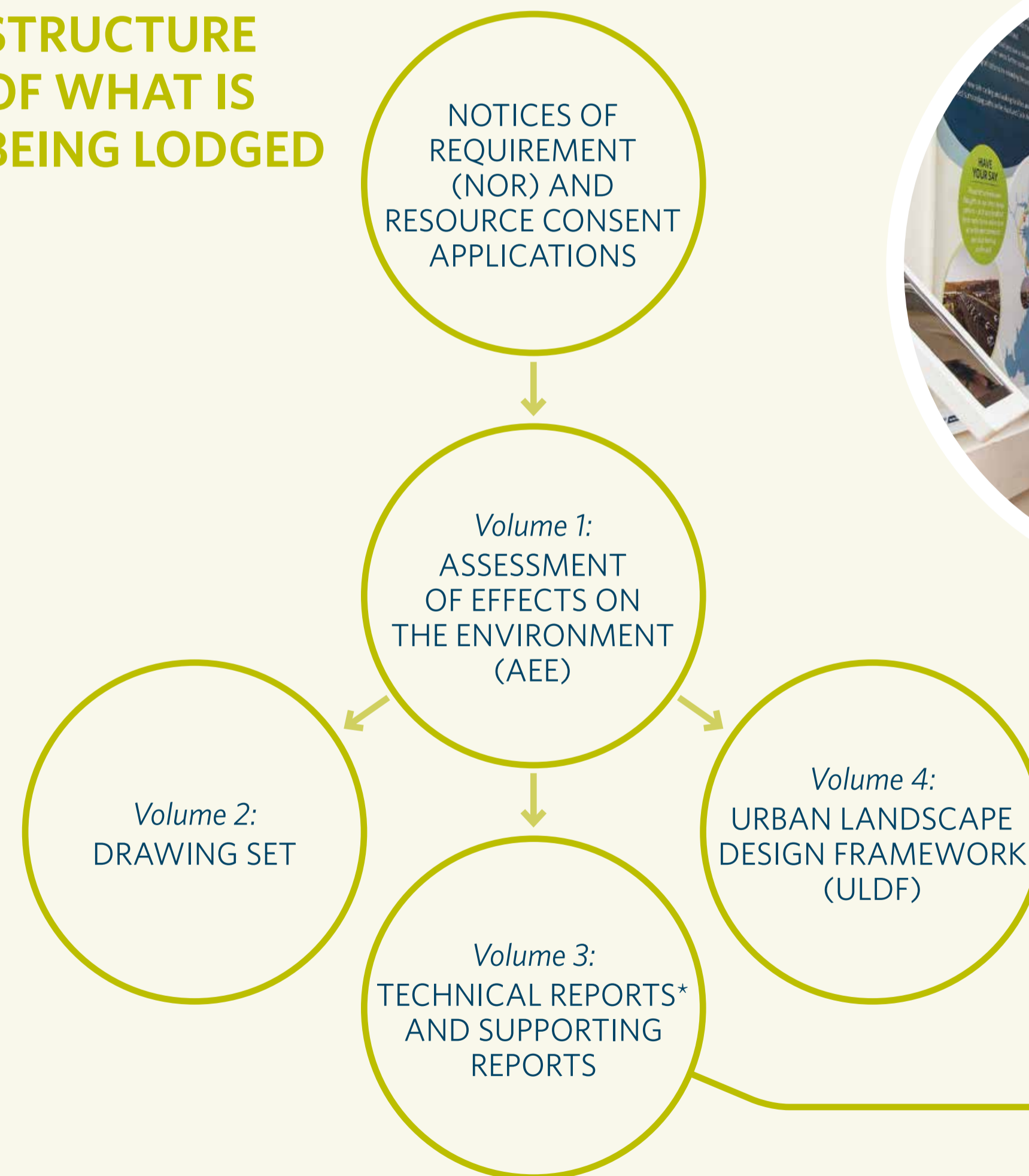


IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A SUBMISSION

Submitters can choose how involved in the process they would like to be, including:

- **Making a written submission**
- **Speaking at the hearing.** Submitters can do this themselves or have someone speak for them if evidence on oath is given. They can also get together other submitters who have similar views. There may be cross-examination. This process can be in Māori or sign language if required.
- **Presenting evidence through an expert witness.** A witness may be an independent expert in a technical area, for example a planner who can interpret a plan. These witnesses will need to read and understand their obligations under the *Environment Court Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses* (i.e must present an independent/impartial view on the merits of the project [or part of it]).

STRUCTURE OF WHAT IS BEING LODGED



NEXT STEPS (AFTER THE BOI PROCESS)

There will be opportunity for on-going design work and engagement with the community through the next steps of the East West Link Project, including:

- Detailed Design (2018 Onwards)
- Property Acquisition (2018 Onwards)
- Construction (Late 2018 → 2025)

(Noting dates are approximate at this stage).

*Technical and Supporting reports include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting Material for the Consideration of Alternatives • Statutory Context • Economic Assessment • Traffic and Transport Assessment • Built Heritage Assessment • Archaeological Assessment • Geological Heritage Assessment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arboricultural Assessment • Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment • Traffic Noise and Vibration Assessment • Construction Noise and Vibration Assessment • Air Quality Assessment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction Traffic Impact Assessment • Social Impact Assessment • Stormwater Assessment • Groundwater Assessment • Settlement Effects Assessment • Coastal Processes Assessment • Ecological Impact Assessment • Contaminated Land Assessment |
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