

Resource Consent Requirements

- Construction of the Proposed Breakwater will require a number of resource consents under both the Operative Coastal Plan and the Proposed Regional Coastal Plan.
- These include structures in the coastal marine area, reclamation, depositing of material disturbance of historic heritage.
- A number of these activities are Restricted Coastal Activities which require the consent of the Minister of Conservation.

Consent Process

- Currently undertaking the Assessment of Environmental Effects Documentation.
- The AEE assesses proposal against the objectives, policies and rules of the statutory documents and the RMA.
- AEE identifies potential effects on the environment, the level of the impact, and what can be done to mitigate the effects.

Consent Process cont.

- A number of studies have been undertaken for the AEE.
- These ensure that all of the effects of the proposal have been considered and mitigation measures identified.

Consent Process cont.

- Consultation is an important consideration in AEE
- Proposal has involved consultation with:
 - iwi
 - key stakeholders- eg Whakarire residents
 - consenting authority staff
 - the community

Consent Process cont.

- On completion of the consultation and AEE the application will be formally lodged with the Regional Council
- Regional Council will decide if the application is complete or whether additional information is required. It will be forwarded to the Minister of Conservation
- Once all information has been received it will be publicly notified.

Timeframe

- It is hoped to lodge the application end of June.
- Submissions will be invited and a minimum of 20 working days is allowed.
- The Ministers representative will sit with Regional Council members on the Hearings Committee .
- Appeal provisions to the Environment Court apply.
- Currently Minister of Conservation makes final decision but this will change under amendments proposed to the RMA.