

Annual compliance report

Roads of National Significance



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REGIONAL COUNCIL
Te Pane Matua Taiao

Activities this report covers

This report covers compliance monitoring for Roads of National Significance (RoNS) managed by New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) for the previous year up to 30 June 2016.

What we've done

We've monitored the RoNS projects using a star rating system. A summary of the rating system and how RoNS projects fared during the year is shown below:

Rating	Description
VERY GOOD 	Overall excellent management of site and consents. The consent holder is proactive in meeting their consent requirements. If issues have arisen concerning consent conditions, the consent holder responds with promptness and effectiveness.
GOOD 	Overall good management of site and consents. The consent holder is generally on top of meeting their consent requirements. Whilst there are some minor breaches of consent conditions, these have no ongoing environmental effects.
FAIR 	Overall the management of site and consents is considered to be fair. There are occasional breaches of consent conditions and/or lapses in providing information to GWRC.
POOR 	Overall the management of site and consents is considered to be poor. There are consistent and ongoing breaches of consent conditions. The consent holder is not getting on top of their consent requirements.

Project	Rating	Comments
Transmission Gully		See detailed summary below
McKays to Peka Peka		See detailed summary below

What we've noticed – Transmission Gully

Within the reporting period, a range of project management plans were prepared by the Joint Venture and certified by Councils. These included the overarching Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP); second tier plans such as the Ecological Management and Monitoring Plan (EMMP), Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP), Contaminated Land Management Plan (CLMP); and Site Specific Environmental Management Plans (SSEMPs).

The Joint Venture has commenced works under these plans. Works carried out in the reporting period were largely “preparatory” in nature and included:

- clearance of vegetation;
- upgrade and establishment of access tracks/haul roads;
- establishment of site compounds;
- installation of erosion and sediment controls;
- construction of temporary culverts and stream diversions; and
- creation of hardstands and stockpiling.

While about two-thirds of applicable consents were complied with in this period, there were a number of minor non-compliances and a few more major non-compliances. The key compliance issues have been:

- some failures of erosion and sediment controls, especially access tracks not being properly stabilised, leading to discharges of sediment to streams in some rainfall events;
- failure to fully stabilise the site in response to high rainfall event forecasts;

- problems with implementing the device efficiency and instream water quality monitoring and adaptive management system, due to failure to follow correct process and install the necessary equipment in a timely way;
- some failures in reporting, particularly incident reporting and the provision of quarterly and annual reporting material on time and of the necessary quality.

What we've noticed – McKays to Peka Peka

The full range of higher-level management plans is already in place for the project. This includes the overarching Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP); and second tier plans such as the Ecological Management Plan (EMP) and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP). The last of the Site Specific Management Plans (SSMPs) were also certified in the reporting period.

The Alliance has continued construction works under these plans. Significant ongoing works have included:

- completing a significant portion of bulk earthworks;
- commencement of paving in some areas; progression of bridge construction;
- construction of wetlands, flood offset storage areas and stream diversions;
- completion of sections of the shared cycleway, walkway and bridleway; and
- extensive mitigation planting work.

Most of the applicable consents were complied with in this period; however, there were some non-compliances. The key compliance issues have been:

- a problem with turbidity monitoring equipment and reporting
- some lateness and/or quality issues with ecological monitoring and incident notification reports
- some issues with the quality of wetland monitoring and response
- a few relatively minor failures of erosion and sediment controls in storm events, and/or operational faults, leading to isolated discharge of sediment to watercourses

What we'd like to fix or change

GWRC is working with the Joint Venture towards a collaborative compliance strategy for the Transmission Gully project. This strategy would clearly outline compliance expectations and processes as the project gathers momentum.

