## Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 **Referral** Application Process

If a project is listed or referred to the Fast-track, you can make a substantive application. A panel decides whether to approve the project and impose conditions.



Process under Fast Track Approvals Act.

Decison Maker and Assessment of Proposal - Ministry for Infrastructure

Input to FTAA Process

## **Applicant:**

- completes pre-lodgment consultation
  - shares details of the proposal with council staff and raises specific matters to discuss
  - council staff identify key areas of concern for applicant to consider
- engages with the MfE Fast-track team to understand the process and access the application portal

Council involved in pre-application consultation if the applicant requests it

Applicant Lodges referral application and pays levy and application fee

MfE assess the referral application for completeness and eligibility

10 working days

MfE provides the referral application to the Minister for Infrastructure

Application returned to applicant if incomplete

MfE prepare a report on Treaty settlements and other obligations for the Minister for Infrastructure

Minister for Infrastructure invites comments, including from local authority from QLDC and other and requests advice or reports

Comments and reports provided within 20 working days

Minister for Infrastructure considers the application, advice or reports, and any comments received. The Minister may also seek further information.

Any further information requested and received within the 20 works days above

Minister for Infrastructure decides to accept or decline the application. The Minister may also make determinations on eligibility matters.

If the Minister for Infrastructure accepts a referral application, they may refer the whole project or a part of the project to the Fast-track process

If accepted for referral, applicant may submit an application for substantive decision (see fact sheet 2 for substantive application process)

Public can discuss proposal with Elected Councillors who will have opportunity to provide Elected Member Statements

Council provides
Technical Officer input
defending QLDC plans
and strategies and
Elected Member
Statements provided
to Minister

Minister considers application and makes decision

## Important notes

- Council are provided the application by Ministry for the Environment
   NB: Instruction from Ministry is that application information is unfortunately confidential
   so Council cannot share this information with the community.
- 2. Public may request application from Ministry for the Environment or applicant

