

Information Sheet 2 (simplified): Consents and the decision making process – Southern Pipeline case study

Application and Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE)

Tauranga City Council must complete an Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE). This is part of the consent application process for all work related to the Southern Pipeline. The Council must also show that other options have been thought about.

Summary of the Consent requirements

The majority of the Southern Pipeline is within TCC road reserve (around 10 km of the 14.5 km pipeline route). Consent is not required under TCC's District Plan (permitted activity in the road).

However, consent is required at regional level for large earthworks, which the whole pipeline is. Therefore, TCC must apply to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council for consent. Major areas needing consent are for work within the Coastal Marine Area:

- Reclamation for the foreshore walkway (approximately 1.5 hectare);
- Reclamation for the railway causeway widening (approximately 1 hectare);
- Permanent and temporary reclamations on the Matapihi foreshore (between 0.1 and 0.4 hectare – depending on whether access to private land can be agreed, in which case the smaller area applies);
- Upgrading of the ECMT Railway Bridge No. 71 (various coastal permits required).
- Building of the submarine pipeline harbour crossing if the railway bridge upgrade does not happen.

Some of these activities are called Restricted Coastal Activities and need the consent of the Minister of Conservation. These consents are public which means people can voice their opinions in writing and have their concerns listened to in a public meeting. Consent is also required to pass through one Special Ecological Site (SES) at Te Maunga (SES 11).

Summary of all consents

A summary of the consents required for the Southern Pipeline is provided on the following page. This diagram includes consents required for the walkway and the rail bridge upgrade that are no longer needed because the Devonport Road route and a submarine pipeline are the preferred choice.

References and additional reading

URS for Tauranga City Council. 2007. Tauranga Southern Pipeline, Memorial-Strand Walkway, and East Coast Main Trunk Railway Bridge Upgrade

Assessment of Effects on the Environment VOLUME 1.Final Report No. 70.

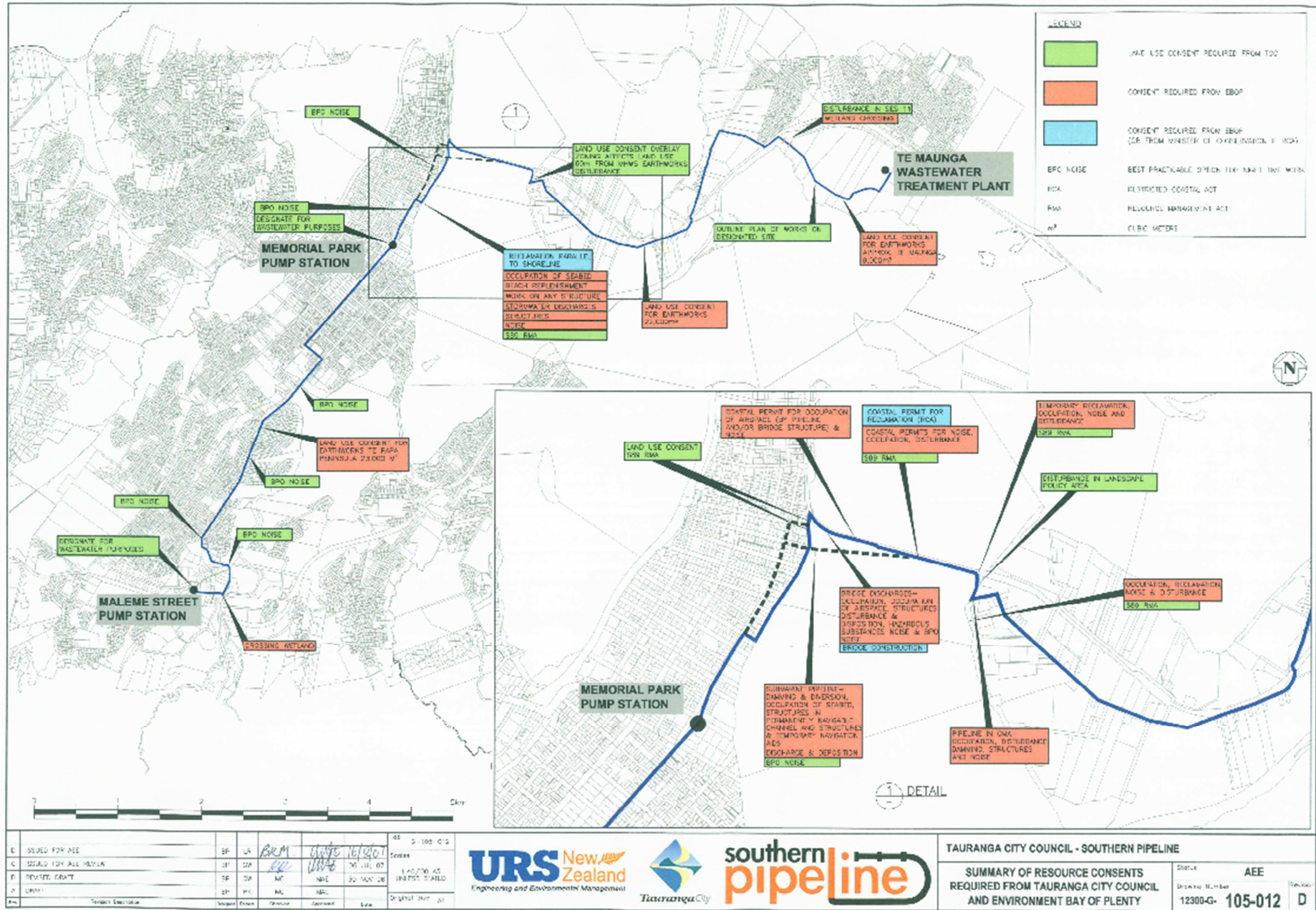
Question / Pātai:

1. What are the different types of consent required for the Southern Pipeline?
2. Who is the consent authority for each of these?
3. Why is no consent required when the pipeline route is located on road reserve?
4. Why are these consents likely to be publicly notified? And what does this mean?



Map – summary of consents for the Southern Pipeline

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