

# Streamlining Engineering Acceptance Applications

**We are launching the Engineering Acceptance (EA) Streamlining process. Under this process, complete applications for subdivisions of four lots or fewer, with no deviations from the Code of Practice (CoP), could now qualify for an expedited EA process.**

This means that shortly after the application fee has been paid and the application is accepted, vetted, and allocated, the applicant will receive a letter from the Engineering Acceptance (EA) team confirming that the Council is satisfied the documents demonstrate compliance with the applicable engineering consent conditions.

## Why have we implemented this streamlining?

The Engineering Acceptance team processes over 200 detailed engineering designs each year. Each application involves many hours of review to ensure all proposed infrastructure complies with the conditions of consent and the Council's Land Development and Subdivision Code of Practice (CoP).

As our region continues to grow, there is now the need for the EA team work towards reducing review costs and ensuring timeframes aren't impacted, while also mitigating long-term risks for our community.

Note: We will follow up with insurers without exception should there be issues or inaccurate data relating to CoP compliance in applications which leads to substandard infrastructure or other problems in developments.

## Which applications are eligible?

The streamlining process is entirely at our discretion. We cannot confirm in advance whether an application will be accepted for streamlining. When deciding whether to streamline, we assess the risk profile of the application, considering factors such as roading, three-waters, geotechnical concerns, safety, and ongoing Council costs.

**Poor-quality or incomplete applications will not be streamlined.**

## And now for the fine print:

In addition to Engineering Acceptance, there may be conditions of consent that require compliance "prior to the commencement of works." It is essential to read and understand the Resource Consent decision to ensure that you are not undertaking works beyond the scope of the Engineering Review and Acceptance.

The streamlined Engineering Acceptance does not authorise construction works that do not comply with Council's Subdivision Code of Practice or works not undertaken in accordance with consented plans. Be aware that it is the responsibility of the consent holder to identify departures from the CoP and request Council Engineering Acceptance.

We will not be able to certify subdivisions under 224(c) of the RMA if the consent holder cannot demonstrate compliance with their consent and the CoP.

