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Dear Helen,

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Wellington International Airport Southern Seawall Renewal Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA) substantive application (FTAA-2510-1118). I am responding on behalf of the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform.

Infrastructure is important for growth and prosperity. Our view is our planning system has not been enabling of growth, hence the establishment of the FTAA.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my broad support for projects which deliver positive outcomes for New Zealand, including the Wellington International Airport Southern Seawall Renewal project. Please take this letter of support as a reflection of the Government's economic growth and infrastructure priorities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Penny Simmonds', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

Hon Penny Simmonds
Acting Minister Responsible for RMA Reform