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Helen Atkins
Expert Panel Chair

By email: substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz

Dear Helen,

Thank you for your invitation to comment on the substantive application for the Wellington International Airport Seawall Renewal application [FTAA-2510-1118] under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

I support the Wellington International Airport Seawall Renewal application receiving the substantive approvals it requires.

Wellington International Airport is critical infrastructure for the Wellington region. This project would safeguard the long-term operation of the Airport against natural hazards, increase the Airport's resilience to climate change, and reduce the maintenance demands of the existing seawall. I note that the Seawall also protects council infrastructure including a road, stormwater infrastructure, drinking water infrastructure and wastewater pipelines.

I have not considered the operational impact of this project on the local transport network. However, I see the applicant has worked closely with Wellington City Council and the New Zealand Transport Agency while developing the substantive application. I encourage them to continue to do so, as those organisations are well positioned to comment on the operational impacts and management of those impacts during this project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Meager', written over a large, stylized blue scribble.

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