

Kia ora Fast Track team,

On behalf of Hon James Meager, Minister for the South Island and Associate Minister for Transport, thank you for the invitation to comment.

After reviewing the material, we confirm there are no comments to provide at this time, as no conditions have been identified that require or would benefit from input from South Island and Associate Transport portfolios.

In saying this, the Minister continues to be supportive of this project. As he noted in his original comments, both construction and operation of Maitahi Village are likely to deliver significant economic benefits to the Nelson-Tasman region. The project will create jobs and provide modern, healthy homes to many people. It represents a significant benefit to the region and to the wider South Island and should be supported by anyone who is interested in improving the wellbeing and lives of New Zealanders.

Regards,



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