

Hon Tama Potaka

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Expert Panel

By email: substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz

Tēnā koe,

Invitation to comment on Ashbourne project under section 72 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Ashbourne project under section 72 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

I note the decision on HPL and am concerned on the precedent this sets for Economic Development, including Māori Development in the region.

I support the conditions subject to that decision, and I encourage the Applicant to give due regard to the matters raised by Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated.

Mauri ora

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tama Potaka'.

Hon Tama Potaka

Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori me Te Minita mō Te Arawhiti