

Attachment 5

Letter from the Mayor of
Auckland supporting the Project

14 November 2024

CEO Roger Gray

Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Roger

Re: Port of Auckland Limited – Bledisloe North Wharf and Fergusson North Extension

As Mayor of Auckland, I am writing to share my support for the application by Port of Auckland Limited for fast-track consent to construct a new wharf structure at the northern edge of the existing Bledisloe Terminal and an extension to the existing Fergusson North Berth (Project). I am happy to provide support for this Project as it will enable significant benefits for Auckland and the Auckland community.

The Project will go towards enabling the freeing up of Captain Cook and Marsden Wharves for public use which is an excellent outcome for Auckland. The Port is reluctant to free up Captain Cook and Marsden Wharves for public use without improving the efficiency of port operations within the balance of the Port area (by way of a new wharf at the end of Bledisloe Terminal and extension of the existing Fergusson North Berth). Initially the Port of Auckland asked Aucklanders to accept significantly larger extensions, but following discussion with councillors this Project will require only a maximum of seven metres encroachment into the harbour.

Once the Project is complete, the intention is for Captain Cook and Marsden Wharves to be transferred from the Port to Auckland Council, providing a unique opportunity for the Council to further integrate the CBD with the Waitematā Harbour. The freeing up of Captain Cook and Marsden Wharves is part of the Council's broader long-term strategy to improve connectivity to the Waitematā Harbour, as outlined in the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034.

My goal is for these wharves to be freed up for public use as soon as possible and I therefore support use of the Fast-track process for this Project to enable the Port to rapidly obtain the necessary resource consents it needs.

Yours sincerely



Wayne Brown
MAYOR OF AUCKLAND