

14 May 2025

Hon. Chris Bishop  
Infrastructure Minister  
Fast-Track Approval  
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Tena koe e te Minita,

Re: Fast-Track Approval for Waipiro Marina

We represent Te Runanga ā Iwi ō Ngāpuhi and am authorised to provide this submission.

The Rūnanga support the submission of Ngati Kuta and Patukeha hapu, as we stand in support of our hapū position against the Marina and in protection of the natural environment and Takutai Moana.

The proposed Waipiro Bay Marina Infrastructure project does not meet the criteria for Fast-Track Approval because:

1. The application has not satisfied the Fast-Track Approval Act 2024, Section 7 relating to Treaty settlements and recognised customary rights. The application is void of any evidence that Treaty settlements and recognised customary rights have been adequately considered.
2. Does not meet the Section 22 Referral Criteria of the Act because it is not a development of significant regional or national benefit. It has presented misleading economic and research data, creating a perception that it is a development of significant regional benefit.
3. Does not meet the Section 22 (2) (v) requirement to support the Primary Industries, including aquaculture, and
4. It is yet to appropriately satisfy Sections 8, 12 and 17 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
5. We are also concerned about the bio-hazard risks from introduced species including the spread of caulerpa.

We seek that you **decline the application for Fast-Track Approval** to enable the proposal to proceed through the standard resource consenting process. This will allow our views to be adequately considered.

Should the Minister decide to progress the proposal to Stage 2 of the FTA process, we request to be able to participate in that stage 2 also.

Ngā manaakitanga,



**Moana Tuwhare**  
Tumu Whakarae - General Manager  
Te Rūnanga ā Iwi ō Ngāpuhi