

Graham Bell
Chair
Ngāti Hāua Iwi Trust/ Te Whiringa Kākaho o Ngāti Hāua

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Tēnā koe Graham Bell

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James Palmer
Secretary for the Environment
Ministry for the Environment

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Kataraina Hodge
Chair
Raukawa Settlement Trust

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Julie Gardyne
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- 2. In relation to projects seeking approval of a resource consent under section 42(4)(a) of the Act, whether there any existing resource consents issued where sections 124C(1)(c) or 165ZI of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) could apply, if the project were to be applied for as a resource consent under the RMA. If no such consents exist, please also confirm this in writing.*

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Bella Takiari-Brame
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The Lines Company

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John Bishara
Tūwharetoa Māori Trust board

s 9(2)(a)

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Chris McLay
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