

# Hon Chris Bishop

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FTAA-2507-1085

Mary Hill  
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Dear Mary,

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA) substantive application, the Takitimu North Link – Stage 2 project (FTAA-2507-1085). I am responding in my capacity as Minister for Infrastructure.

Infrastructure is important for growth and prosperity. Our view is our planning system has not been enabling of growth, hence the establishment of the FTAA.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my broad support for projects which deliver positive outcomes for New Zealand, including the Takitimu North Link – Stage 2 project. Please take this letter of support as a reflection of the Government's economic growth and infrastructure priorities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CB' followed by a checkmark-like flourish.

Hon Chris Bishop  
**Minister for Infrastructure**