

Hon Tama Potaka

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Application Lead, Fast-Track Team
By email: substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz

Tēnā koe,

Invitation to comment on the Haldon Solar project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Haldon solar project under section 53 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

I support the application subject to any comments received from the relevant Māori groups identified in both the section 18 report and invited under section 53 of the Act.

I also encourage the Expert Panel to have regard to the statutory acknowledgement provisions for Te Ao Mārama/Lake Benmore and any cultural matters raised by the relevant papatipu rūnanga.

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

Hon Tama Potaka
Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori | Minister for Māori Development