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Tēnā koe Keely

Re: Request for Further Information under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

On 22 July 2026, the Department of Conservation (the Department) received a request for further information from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) in relation to the Stella Passage Development FTAA-2512-1163 in accordance with section 67 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

This letter has been prepared on behalf of the Director-General of Conservation by the Department and provides a response to Minute 11 of the Expert Panel and the further information requested.

Request of the Panel to the Department

Confirmation as to whether it agrees with the Applicant's response in paragraphs 5 - 7 of its memorandum of counsel dated 14 July 2026 and Appendix One to the same memorandum (on pages 18 – 19 of the PDF)

Response

The Department agrees with the Applicant's response.

We trust that this adequately addresses the information requested. If there are further questions in relation to this response, please contact Jenny Clafferty, the Department's Project Lead on this application. Her contact details are [REDACTED]

Nāku noa, nā



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