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Expert Panel

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Tēnā koe

Invitation to comment on Stella Passage Development project under section 72 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Stella Passage Development project under section 72 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

I support the proposed decision of the Expert Panel, subject to the Expert Panel having due regard to any comments received by Māori groups following their review of the draft conditions.

While I acknowledge that the proposed conditions establish the Stella Passage Development Advisory Group and include a mitigation package developed in response to concerns raised by tangata whenua, I recommend that the Expert Panel provide the Advisory Group with strong decision-making powers that enable the exercise of rangatiratanga and kaitiakitanga within the project area.

I also recommend that the Expert Panel establish enforceable conditions to ensure further adverse impacts are addressed through reasonable monitoring, reporting, corrective action requirements, adaptive review, and the active management of cumulative cultural effects.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Tama Potaka'.

Hon Tama Potaka

Te Minita mō Te Arawhiti me Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori
Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti and Minister for Māori Development