

# Hon Tama Potaka

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Expert Panel

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## Fast-track Approvals Act – Kings Quarry Expansion – Stage 2 (FTAA-2503-1037)

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the draft decision of the Kings Quarry Expansion – Stage 2 project under section 72 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024. You requested comment from Hon Tama Potaka as Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti and Minister for Māori Development. I am responding as Acting Minister of those portfolios.

I support the decision of the Expert Panel and the conditions subject to that decision, on the basis that:

- the Expert Panel has considered the obligations within the Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Claims Settlement Act 2018, Ngāti Whātua o Kaipara Claims Settlement Act 2013, Te Kawerau ā Maki Claims Settlement Act 2015, Ngāti Manuhiri Claims Settlement Act 2012, and Te Ākitai Waiohū Deed of Settlement, signed 12 November 2021;
- the Applicant had engaged with the relevant Treaty settlements prior to lodgement of the Substantive Application and the Expert Panel have invited them to comment under Section 53 of the Act;
- that the Applicant continues to engage with mana whenua throughout the project; and
- the Expert Panel noted the consent conditions offered by the Applicant will avoid, remedy or mitigate a majority of adverse effects that will result from giving effect to the proposal.

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Hon Tama Potaka  
Te Minita mō Te Arawhiti

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