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Leonard Sampson
Chief Executive
Port of Tauranga
c/o Vanessa Hamm [REDACTED]

Dear Leonard,

Thank you for your letter of 17 December 2025 requesting a priority determination for the Stella Passage Development, listed in Schedule 2, by Port of Tauranga Limited.

I appreciate the urgency of the project, and consider that if the project were treated a priority project it would be likely to have a panel appointed more quickly than would otherwise be the case, due to the current backlog of projects awaiting panel appointments. I am not aware of any competing applications for the project at this time.

I am therefore satisfied that the criteria for a prioritisation determination in section 38(3) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 are met.

This determination is based on your statement that a substantive application for the project will be lodged imminently.

I wish you all the best as you progress through the substantive application process for the project.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Chris Bishop
Minister for Infrastructure