

**BEFORE THE EXPERT PANEL**

**UNDER**

the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 ("**FTAA**")

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

an application for approvals by Port of Auckland Limited ("**POAL**") to construct and operate a new wharf structure at the Bledisloe Terminal, an extension to the existing Fergusson North Berth, and a cruise passenger terminal ("**Project**")

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**RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF PORT OF AUCKLAND LIMITED  
TO COMMENTS FROM INVITED PARTIES**

**7 JULY 2025**

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**MAY IT PLEASE THE PANEL:**

1. POAL lodged an application under the FTAA on 10 March 2025 for resource consents and a wildlife approval to authorise the Project ("**Application**").
2. On 28 May 2025, the Panel invited parties to provide feedback on the Project, with comments due on 27 June 2025. The following parties provided comments on the Project:
  - (a) Minister of Climate Change;
  - (b) Associate Minister of Transport;
  - (c) Minister for Land Information;
  - (d) Minister for Māori Crown Relations;
  - (e) Auckland Conservation Board;
  - (f) Auckland Council;
  - (g) Department of Conservation;
  - (h) McCallum Bros Ltd;
  - (i) New Zealand Conservation Authority;
  - (j) Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei;
  - (k) Waikato-Tainui; and
  - (l) Ngāti Pāoa.
3. POAL welcomes the comments provided to the Panel in respect of the Project, and acknowledges all persons and entities who have taken the time to comment, particularly in light of the timeframes available under the FTAA.
4. POAL is happy to be able to respond in a constructive manner to the comments that have been provided, and will continue to work with interested parties as the Project progresses.
5. POAL has carefully considered the comments received by invited parties, and has set out specific responses to each party in the memorandum attached. For completeness, POAL has provided responses to all parties that commented. The memorandum includes an updated resource consent

condition set incorporating changes resulting from comments at **Attachment 1**, a wildlife approval condition set incorporating changes resulting from comments at **Attachment 2** and a letter received from Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei at **Attachment 3**.

6. The response includes appropriate changes to the proposed conditions of consent and otherwise demonstrates that the Project and conditions as proposed in the Application remain appropriate.
7. Overall, based on the supporting technical material provided with the Application, the response provided following comments, and the updated conditions, the Panel can have comfort that all adverse effects of the Application are appropriately managed through carefully considered design and conditions, and that the Project is deserving of consent subject to the updated conditions attached at **Attachment 1**.

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