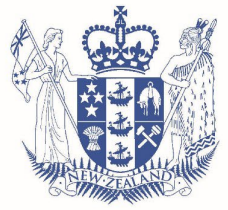


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Chris Thomsen
Expert Panel Chair

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Fast-track Approvals Act substantive application – Pound Road Industrial Development FTAA-2505-1057

Dear Chris

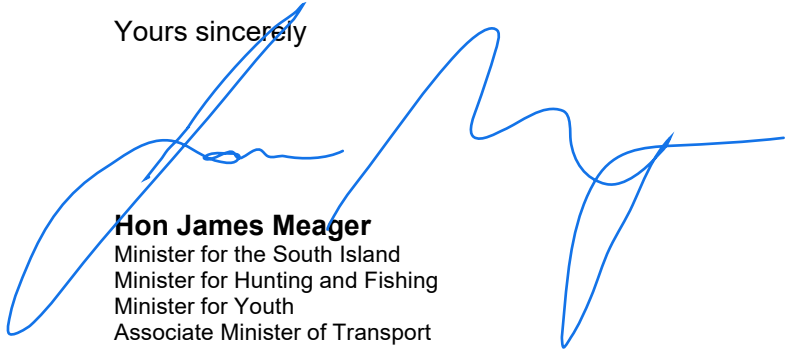
Thank you for your invitation to comment on the substantive application of the Pound Road Industrial Development [FTAA-2025-1057] under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024. You have invited me to comment in my capacity as Minister for the South Island and Associate Minister of Transport.

This application is for a 60.4-hectare industrial subdivision in Christchurch. The proposed development intends to deliver 74 freehold industrial lots, with infrastructure such as roads, three-waters utilities, and landscaping.

My view is that this application aligns with the Government's priorities for economic growth. The project is anticipated to strengthen Canterbury's long-term economic capacity by enabling business growth, supporting employment, and contributing to the resilience of the local and regional economy. I would like to take this opportunity to note my support for the Pound Road Industrial Development to receive the substantive approvals it requires.

My support does not cover an assessment of impacts on the local transport network. I understand that comments from Christchurch City Council, Canterbury District Council, KiwiRail, and the New Zealand Transport Agency have also been invited, and they can provide comment on the operational impact of the project on the local transport network.

Yours sincerely



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