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13 July 2026

Expert Panel

By email: substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz

Tēnā koe

**Invitation to comment on State Highway 1 North Canterbury Woodend Bypass
(Belfast to Pegasus) Project under section 72 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024**

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the State Highway 1 North Canterbury Woodend Bypass (Belfast to Pegasus) Project under section 72 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

I support the decision of the Expert Panel and the conditions, subject to consideration being given to strengthening the conditions to provide clear requirements for cultural monitoring across project earthworks, engagement with relevant Māori groups on management plan changes, and provision of relevant monitoring and reporting information throughout the project.

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