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Expert Panel

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Tēnā koe

Invitation to comment on Bledisloe North Wharf and Fergusson North Berth Extension project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Bledisloe North Wharf and Fergusson North Berth Extension under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

I support the application subject to any comments received from the relevant Māori groups identified in both the section 18 report developed by the Ministry for the Environment, and in the Expert Panel's Minute.

I encourage the Expert Panel to receive comments from Ngāti Whatua o Kaipara.

I also encourage the Expert Panel to have regard to the statutory acknowledgements over the coastal and marine area in each of the four settlements – Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Claims Settlement Act 2018, Ngāti Tamaoho Claims Settlement Act 2018, Te Kawerau ā Maki Claims Settlement Act 2015, and Te Ākitai Waiohū Deed of Settlement signed in November 2021.

Mauri ora

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Tama Potaka'.

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