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Dear Jennifer,

Thank you for your invitation to comment, as the Associate Minister of Transport, on the substantive application for the Arataki Project [FTAA-2506-1083] under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

This application is for the subdivision and development of between 150 and 200 residential lots and associated earthworks and infrastructure.

My view is that this project aligns with the Government's strategic priorities of housing development and economic growth. The Government Policy Statement on land transport 2024 seeks to unlock access to greenfield land for housing development and to support greater intensification, which this project would accomplish.

I would like to take this opportunity to note my support for the Arataki application to receive the substantive approvals it requires.

My support does not cover an assessment of impacts on the local transport network. I understand that the Hawke's Bay Regional Council and Hastings District Council have also been invited and can provide comments on this.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Meager', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end.

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