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Mauriora

Invitation to comment on the Arataki project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Arataki project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

I support the application subject to reasonable consideration being given to the comments provided by relevant Māori groups, as identified in the Expert Panel's Minute 2.

I also encourage the Expert Panel to give due regard to the statutory acknowledgements over the Karamū Stream, as provided for in the Heretaunga Tamatea Claims Settlement Act 2018 and Hawke's Bay Regional Planning Committee Act 2015.

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

Hon Tama Potaka
Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori