



## NGĀTI TAMAHOHO SETTLEMENT TRUST

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Tēnā kōē Karl,

### **Fast-Track Referral – Pōkeno Housing and Tourism Project**

Ngāti Tamaoho Settlement Trust (NTST) acknowledge receipt and review of the Pokeno Housing and Tourism Project pre-application briefing paper dated 7 August 2025, relating to a Referral Application under the Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA).

Mana whenua of Pōkeno includes Ngāti Tamaoho who have traditional authority, cultural connections, and guardianship over the land and waterways in the Pōkeno area. Ngāti Tamaoho descend from the first peoples of Tāmaki Makaurau. And, since the arrival of our tūpuna – Te Tini o Toi, Ngā Oho, Ngā Iwi, Te Uri o Pou, Ngaariki – we have exercised rangatiratanga across our takiwā. We are the descendants of the union of these great peoples, brought together under the leadership of our eponymous tupuna, Tamaoho.

We understand your project—the “Pōkeno Housing and Tourism Project”—is seeking referral under the Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024. Ngāti Tamaoho acknowledge the work to date and engagement with our team. We are not opposed to the referral application and look forward to receiving more information, further engagement and collaboration during the upcoming stages of fast track (substantive) application.

NTST support economic growth within our rohe subject to mitigation of environmental and cultural impacts we are committed to upholding the mana and integrity of the natural environment, particularly the Waikato River, in line with our responsibilities under Te Ture Whaimana O Te Awa o Waikato - Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River (TTWoA).

Conditional support: NTST will need additional consultation, guarantees, and commitments concerning the proposed infrastructure aspects once the fast-track submission is approved. Following, is a non-exhaustive list:

- Absolute Compliance with TTWoA
- Anticipation of Elevated Standards
- Dedicated Kaitiaki Presence
- MBR Failure Contingency

Ngāti Tamaoho support the Fast-Track referral request in principle and views this project as a key opportunity to unlock development in Pōkeno. We are dedicated to continued collaboration with you to achieve outcomes that align with values and aspirations of NTST.

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