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Tēnā koe Bal

**Re: Request for Further Information Request No 1 under the Fast track Approvals Act 2024**

On 20 March 2026, Department of Conservation (DOC) received a request for further information from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) in relation to the Hananui Aquaculture Project in accordance with section 67 of the Fast track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act).

This letter provides a response to the further information requested.

**Request**

*During the conference on 17 March, it was noted that some of the relevant administering agencies and local authorities have already commissioned or prepared expert reports or advice in their consideration of the application. Such information would be of immediate assistance to the Panel, and it would be preferable that it be made available prior to comments on the application being filed, so that those making comments had the benefit of this information before they filed their comments.*

*The Panel therefore requests that, to the extent that they have prepared information that is intended to be made available to the Panel, the following agencies and local authorities provide that information.*

**Response**

The Department of Conservation has not commissioned any external expert reports in relation to this application. Expert reports will be prepared by the Department's technical staff and filed with comments invited under section 53 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

We trust that the response adequately addresses the information requested. If there are further questions in relation to this response, please do not hesitate to contact me or Amelia Wilkinson at

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Nāku noa, nā



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