

# Hon Chris Bishop

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Catherine Somerville-Frost  
Fast-track Expert Panel Chair  
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Dear Catherine,

Thank you for the invitation to comment on McCallum Bros Limited's Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA) substantive application, the Bream Bay Sand Extraction project (FTAA-2511-1150). I am responding in my capacity as Minister for Infrastructure.

Infrastructure is important for growth and prosperity. Our view is our planning system has not been enabling of growth, hence the establishment of the FTAA.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my broad support for projects which deliver positive outcomes for New Zealand, including the Bream Bay Sand Extraction project. Please take this letter of support as a reflection of the Government's economic growth and infrastructure priorities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "CBishop".

Hon Chris Bishop  
**Minister for Infrastructure**