

Your Comment on the Waikanae North Development

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Waikanae North Development Fast-Track Approval

Comments in support by Tuatahi First Fibre

Background

Tuatahi First Fibre (**Tuatahi**) was formed in 2010 as one of the four Local Fibre Companies selected by the Crown to deliver the Ultra-fast Broadband (**UFB**) project. Tuatahi delivered UFB across the Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Taranaki and Manawatu-Whanganui, and has since expanded the network to cover a large proportion of the upper & middle-north island with the network now valued at \$1.05 billion NZD. Tuatahi are still actively expanding our open-access UFB network, and provide commentary on the Fast-Track application by Waikanae North Developments Limited (**WNDL**), as one of the listed Telecommunications providers contained in the application.

Tuatahi have a strong interest in growth of the UFB open-access network, to ensure world-class connectivity continues to be rolled out throughout New Zealand to support productivity, and consumers have access to a wide range of options. Tuatahi are therefore supportive of the application made by WNDL.

Reasons for support

Tuatahi are supportive of this project meeting the intent of the Fast-Track approvals process, given the scale of housing it will deliver in a region with clear housing demand. We believe that the project meets the intent of the Fast-Track approvals process due to the following reasons;

- a) The project enables critical housing growth, providing scalable supply of modern housing that will directly address a regional shortage.
- b) The use of a traditional consenting pathway for a housing development of this scale would likely result in protracted delays and increased costs, impacting the affordability of housing.

Tuatahi are supportive of the specifics in the application relating to telecommunications due to the following reasons;

- a) Embedding a world-class open access fibre network into the master plan ensures that every residential lot will have appropriate access to a high-capacity broadband network that supports productivity and digital education.
- b) The applicant has proactively engaged with Tuatahi to ensure fibre network design can be integrated into the master scheme plan, to ensure coordinated instillation of utilities. This is best practice and provides resource efficiencies.

Conclusion

Tuatahi are supportive of both the project meeting the intent of the Fast-Track approval process, and the specifics in the application relating to the provision of telecommunications. The efficient installation of a world-class, open access fibre broadband network will benefit the consumers who will eventually reside in this subdivision.