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Subject: Invitation to comment on Fast-track referral application for the Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 – FTAA-2607-1269

To:

- Minister for Economic Growth
- Minister for Regional Development
- Minister for the Environment
- Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti
- Minister for Māori Development
- Minister for Building and Construction

Dear Ministers,

Hon Chris Bishop, the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister), has asked for me to write to you on his behalf.

The Minister has received an application from Whiterock Lime Limited for referral of Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) to the fast-track process (application reference FTAA-2607-1269).

The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits.

Invitation to comment on referral application

I write in accordance with section 17 of the Act to invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. I have provided summary details of the project below.

If you wish to provide written comments, these must be received by **return email** within **15 working days** of receipt of this email, being **10 September 2026**. The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame. Any comments submitted will contribute to the Minister's decision on whether to accept the referral application and to refer the project.

If you do not wish to provide comments, please let us know as soon as possible so we can proceed with processing the application without delay.

If the Minister decides to accept the application and to refer the project, the Applicant will need to complete any preliminary steps required under the Act and then lodge their substantive application for the approvals needed for the project. An expert panel will be appointed to decide the substantive application.

Process

The application documents are accessible through the Fast-track portal. Please note that application documents may contain commercially sensitivity information and should not be shared widely. If you haven't used the portal before, you

can request access by emailing ftareferrals@mfe.govt.nz. Once you are registered and have accepted the terms and conditions, you will receive a link to view the documents. Existing users will be able to see application documents via the request when logging into the portal. Should you need for your agency to provide any supplementary information, a nominated person can be provided access to the portal, access can be requested by emailing ftareferrals@mfe.govt.nz.

To submit your comments on the application, you can either provide a letter or complete the attached template for written comments and return it by replying to this email, infrastructure.portfolio@parliament.govt.nz.

Before the due date, if you have any queries about this email or need assistance with using the portal, please email contact@fasttrack.govt.nz. Further information is available at https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/.

Important Information

Please note that all comments received from Ministers invited to comment will be subject to the Official Information Act 1982. Comments received will be proactively released at the time the Minister for Infrastructure makes a referral decision, unless the Minister providing comments advises the Minister for Infrastructure's office they are to be withheld, at the time they are submitted.

If a Conflict of Interest is identified by the Minister providing comments at any stage of providing comments, please inform my office and the Cabinet Office immediately. The Cabinet Office will provide advice and, if appropriate, initiate a request to the Prime Minister to agree to a transfer of the project/portfolio invite to another Minister (a request to transfer a COI from one Minister to another can take 1-7 days).

Project summary

Project name	Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill
Applicant	Whiterock Lime Limited
Location	Loburn, Canterbury
Project description	The project is to construct, establish and operate a Class 3 Managed Fill landfill facility using overburden quarrying and limestone extraction from the existing quarry operation to shape the pit floor and sides over a development area of approximately 5.3 hectares. The project area is approximately 28.93 hectares, located across four properties at 150, 154, 174 and 176 Quarry Road. The project involves ancillary activities and infrastructure, including: a. construction and installation of a 23–metre bridge structure within a waterway setback b. the continued operation of the existing limestone quarry activities and processing facility for approximately 10 years c. accepting selected inert construction and demolition materials, specific inert materials (asbestos and cured asphalt impacted by coal tar binders), contaminated soil material and cleanfill d. an expected operational life of 20 years, with a capacity of 800,000 tonnes subject to demand and capacity e. construction earthworks, excavation and stockpiling associated with the quarrying/landfill including within waterway margins f. water takes and use, discharges (stormwater, groundwater, sediment). ***Note*** – this is a resubmitted application from Whiterock Lime Limited, the previous application being declined for referral by the Minister for Infrastructure.

Kind regards,

Office of Hon Chris Bishop
Attorney-General | Minister of Housing | Minister for Infrastructure | Minister Responsible for RMA Reform | Minister of Transport | Associate Minister of Finance | MP for Hutt South

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New Zealand Government

20 August 2026

FTAA–2607–1269

Stefanie Rixecker
Chief Executive Officer
Canterbury Regional Council
s 9(2)(a)

Dear Stepfanie

Invitation to provide written comments on the referral application for the Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Note: Comments must be received by **10 September 2026, 11.59PM.**

A referral application has been received by the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister) from Whiterock Lime Limited (the applicant) for the Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill project (the project) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). Project summary details are in Appendix A.

The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits.

Under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(1)(a) of the Act, I invite Canterbury Regional Council as a relevant local authority to provide written comments on the referral application, a copy is available via the applications portal.

Any written comments you provide, must be received within **15 working days** of receipt of this letter and a copy of the application (refer to the due date above). The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame.

Under section 17(3) of the Act, a relevant local authority **must** provide comments advising on the following matters:

1. *Any applications that have been lodged with the Council that would be a competing application or applications if a substantive application for the project were lodged. If no such applications exist, please provide written confirmation.*
2. *In relation to projects seeking approval of a resource consent under section 42(4)(a) of the Act, whether there any existing resource consents issued where sections 124C(1)(c) or 165ZI of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) could apply, if the project were to be applied for as a resource consent under the RMA. If no such consents exist, please provide written confirmation.*

In addition, under section 17(3)(b), a relevant local authority **may** also provide other comments, however, any such comments must be relevant to the **referral** application and the decisions that the Minister is required to make under section 21 and limited to the criteria under Section 22 of the Act.

Comments from organisations that recover costs from applicants should focus on relevant matters that are material to the Minister's decision on whether to accept and refer the project, compared to the substantive application which requires comprehensive technical reports and detail.

In considering the criteria under section 22, I invite you to provide comments on the following matters:

3. *Whether you consider the project may involve an ineligible activity, and if so, why (as defined in section 5 of the Act)*
4. *Whether you consider any of the reasons to decline a referral application may be applicable to this application, and if so why (under section 21(5) of Act).*

The information you are receiving is being provided to you consistent with the statutory requirements for inviting written comments under section 17 of the Act. The information is being provided in-confidence and may be commercially sensitive. It should not be disclosed or forwarded to, and comments should not be sought from, anyone outside of your organisation.

If the Minister decides to accept the application and refer the project to the fast-track approvals process, the applicant will be required to complete any preliminary steps under the Act before lodging a substantive application. If the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) deems the application complete and within scope, a panel will be appointed to make decisions on approvals sought.

Before the due date, please upload any comments to the application portal feedback page using the template for written comments (attached) or similar format document.

Alternatively, if you wish to email your feedback or have any queries about this letter, please email: referral@fasttrack.govt.nz and include the name of the lead contact – Stephanie McNicholl.

For assistance with the application portal or to update your account details, please email: contact@fasttrack.govt.nz or phone 0800 FASTRK (0800 327 875).

Yours sincerely



Stephanie Frame
Manager – Fast-track Operations

cc: Dani Devine, Project referrals – s 9(2)(a)
Fast–track Ecan – fasttrack@ecan.govt.nz

Appendix A: Project summary details

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Application No.	FTAA-2607-1269
Project name	Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill
Applicant name	Whiterock Lime Limited
Project summary details	The project is to construct, establish and operate a Class 3 Managed Fill landfill facility using overburden quarrying and limestone extraction from the existing quarry operation to shape the pit floor and sides over a development area of approximately 5.3 hectares. The project area is approximately 28.93 hectares, located across four properties at 150, 154, 174 and 176 Quarry Road, Loburn, Canterbury Region. The project involves ancillary activities and infrastructure, including: a. construction and installation of a 23–metre bridge structure within a waterway setback b. the continued operation of the existing limestone quarry activities and processing facility for approximately 10 years c. accepting selected inert construction and demolition materials, specific inert materials (asbestos and cured asphalt impacted by coal tar binders), contaminated soil material and cleanfill d. an expected operational life of 20 years, with a capacity of 800,000 tonnes subject to demand and capacity e. construction earthworks, excavation and stockpiling associated with the quarrying/landfill including within waterway margins f. water takes and use, discharges (stormwater, groundwater, sediment). The project will require the following proposed approvals under the fast–track approvals process: a. resource consents under the Resource Management Act 1991.

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New Zealand Government

20 August 2026

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Bede Carran
Chief Executive
Christchurch City Council
s 9(2)(a)

Dear Bede Carran

Invitation to provide written comments on the referral application for the Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Note: Comments must be received by **10 September 2026, 11.59PM.**

A referral application has been received by the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister) from Whiterock Lime Limited (the applicant) for the Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill project (the project) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). Project summary details are in Appendix A.

The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits.

I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(5) of the Act.

The project area is located within Waimakariri district, and comments are being sought from Waimakariri District Council as the relevant local authority. However, Christchurch City Council (CCC) has also been identified as "any other person" for the purposes of this section.

I invite written comments on the referral application from CCC, specifically on the regional benefits of the proposed managed fill in accepting construction and demolition waste to the facility, including post–earthquake demolition waste.

A copy of the application is available via the applications portal.

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Any written comments you provide, must be received within **15 working days** of receipt of this letter and copy of the application (refer to the due date above). The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame.

Comments received will help inform the Minister and the criteria in Section 22 of the Act will guide the Minister's decision-making on whether to refer the project to the fast-track approvals process and may assist in determining information that must be submitted with the substantive application.

If the Minister decides to accept the application and refer the project to the fast-track approvals process, the applicant will be required to complete any preliminary steps under the Act before lodging a substantive application. If the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) deems the application complete and within scope, a panel will be appointed to make decisions on approvals sought.

Before the due date, please upload any comments to the application portal feedback page using the template for written comments (attached) or similar format document.

Alternatively, if you wish to email your feedback or have any queries about this letter, please email referral@fasttrack.govt.nz and include the name of the lead contact – Stephanie McNicholl.

For assistance with the application portal or to update your account details, please email contact@fasttrack.govt.nz or phone 0800 FASTRK (0800 327 875).

Yours sincerely



Stephanie Frame
Manager – Fast-track Operations

cc: Paul Lowe, Manager Resource Consents – s 9(2)(a)

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New Zealand Government

20 August 2026

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Hamish Dobbie
Chief Executive
Hurunui District Council

s 9(2)(a)

Dear Hamish

Invitation to provide written comments on the referral application for the Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Note: Comments must be received by **10 September 2026, 11.59PM.**

A referral application has been received by the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister) from Whiterock Lime Limited (the applicant) for the Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill project (the project) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). Project summary details are in Appendix A.

The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits.

I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(5) of the Act.

The project area is located within Waimakariri district, and comments are being sought from Waimakariri District Council as the relevant local authority. However, Hurunui District Council has been identified as any other person for the purposes of this section.

I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application, as the project area is located adjacent to the territorial boundary shared with Waimakariri District Council. With this context, are there any cross–boundary jurisdiction matters that Hurunui District Council consider may affect the delivery of the project. A copy of the application is available in the applications portal.

The information you are receiving is being provided to you consistent with the statutory requirements for inviting written comments under section 17 of the Act. The information is being provided in-confidence and may be commercially sensitive. It should not be disclosed or forwarded to, and comments should not be sought from, anyone outside of your organisation.

Any written comments you provide, must be received within **15 working days** of receipt of this letter and copy of the application (refer to the due date above). The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame.

Comments received will help inform the Minister and the criteria in Section 22 of the Act will guide the Minister's decision-making on whether to refer the project to the fast-track approvals process and may assist in determining information that must be submitted with the substantive application.

If the Minister decides to accept the application and refer the project to the fast-track approvals process, the applicant will be required to complete any preliminary steps under the Act before lodging a substantive application. If the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) deems the application complete and within scope, a panel will be appointed to make decisions on approvals sought.

Before the due date, please upload any comments to the application portal feedback page using the template for written comments (attached) or similar format document.

Alternatively, if you wish to email your feedback or have any queries about this letter, please email: referral@fasttrack.govt.nz and include the name of the lead contact – Stephanie McNicholl.

For assistance with the application portal or to update your account details, please email: contact@fasttrack.govt.nz or phone 0800 FASTRK (0800 327 875).

Yours sincerely



Stephanie Frame
Manager – Fast-track Operations

cc: Nicola Kirby, Planning Team Leader – s 9(2)(a)
Planning – planning@hurunui.govt.nz

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20 August 2026

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Brad Ward
Chief Executive
Land Information New Zealand
s 9(2)(a)

Dear Brad

Invitation to provide written comments on the referral application for the Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Note: Comments must be received by **10 September 2026, 11.59PM.**

A referral application has been received by the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister) from Whiterock Lime Limited (the applicant) for the Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill project (the project) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). Project summary details are in Appendix A.

The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits.

I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(5) of the Act. You have been identified as "any other person" for the purposes of this section. I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application, particularly as the project proposes use of a Crown–managed easement. Please provide the details and confirm the grant of the easement over the hydro parcel and whether this will affect the applicant's ability to undertake the works. A copy of the application is available via the applications portal.

The information you are receiving is being provided to you consistent with the statutory requirements for inviting written comments under section 17 of the Act. The information is being provided in-confidence and may be commercially sensitive. It should not be disclosed or forwarded to, and comments should not be sought from, anyone outside of your organisation.

Any written comments you provide, must be received within **15 working days** of receipt of this letter and copy of the application (refer to the due date above). The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame.

Comments received will help inform the Minister and the criteria in Section 22 of the Act will guide the Minister's decision-making on whether to refer the project to the fast-track approvals process and may assist in determining information that must be submitted with the substantive application.

If the Minister decides to accept the application and refer the project to the fast-track approvals process, the applicant will be required to complete any preliminary steps under the Act before lodging a substantive application. If the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) deems the application complete and within scope, a panel will be appointed to make decisions on approvals sought.

Before the due date, please upload any comments to the application portal feedback page using the template for written comments (attached) or similar format document.

Alternatively, if you wish to email your feedback or have any queries about this letter, please email: referral@fasttrack.govt.nz and include the name of the lead contact – Stephanie McNicholl.

For assistance with the application portal or to update your account details, please email: contact@fasttrack.govt.nz or phone 0800 FASTRK (0800 327 875).

Yours sincerely



Stephanie Frame
Manager – Fast-track Operations

cc: Brett Parker – s 9(2)(a)

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New Zealand Government

20 August 2026

FTAA-2607-1269

Whiterock Lime Limited
C/- Steph Brown
WSP New Zealand Limited
s 9(2)(a)

Dear Steph

Request for further information on the referral application of the Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Note: The further information response must be received by **10 September 2026, 11.59PM.**

The Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister) has received your referral application for the Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill project (the project) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act).

I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 20 of the Act to request the following information:

1. Please provide details of the grant of easement over the Crown–owned hydro parcel (affecting the access arrangement and construction of the bridge) and confirm whether this will affect any ability to undertake the works and complete the project.

If you wish to provide the information requested, you must respond within **15 working days** of the date of this request (refer to the due date above). The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame.

Please upload your response to the applications portal feedback page. Alternatively, if you wish to email the information, or have any queries about this letter, please email referral@fasttrack.govt.nz and include the name of the lead contact – Stephanie McNicholl.

For assistance with the application portal or to update your account details, please email contact@fasttrack.govt.nz or phone 0800 FASTRK (0800 327 875).

Yours sincerely



Stephanie Frame
Manager – Fast-track Operations

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Tania Wati
Representative
Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga
s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Tania

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The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits.

Under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(d) of the Act (requires consultation with relevant Māori groups identified under section 18(2)), I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application, a copy is available via the applications portal.

The information you are receiving is being provided to you consistent with the statutory requirements for inviting written comments under section 17 of the Act. The information is being provided in-confidence and may be commercially sensitive. It should not be disclosed or forwarded to, and comments should not be sought from, anyone outside of your organisation.

Any written comments you provide, must be received within **15 working days** of receipt of this letter and copy of the application (refer to the due date above). The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame.

Comments received will help inform the Minister and the criteria in Section 22 of the Act will guide the Minister's decision-making on whether to refer the project to the fast-track approvals process and may assist in determining information that must be submitted with the substantive application.

If you provide written comments as a **Māori consultation group**, you may be entitled to a financial contribution of $1,500 (excluding GST) under Schedule 2 of the Fast-Track Approvals (Cost Recovery) Regulations 2025. For general information about contribution fees and invoices refer to the Fast-track webpages: Cost recovery for agencies and Applying for a contribution fee payment.

If the Minister decides to accept the application and refer the project to the fast-track approvals process, the applicant will be required to complete any preliminary steps under the Act before lodging a substantive application. If the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) deems the application complete and within scope, a panel will be appointed to make decisions on approvals sought.

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Nāku noa, nā



Stephanie Frame
Manager – Fast-track Operations

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FTAA-2607-1269

Justin Tipa
Chairperson
Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu
s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Justin

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Note: Comments must be received by **10 September 2026, 11.59PM.**

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The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits.

Under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(d) of the Act (requires consultation with relevant Māori groups identified under section 18(2)), I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application, a copy is available via the applications portal.

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Nāku noa, nā



Stephanie Frame
Manager – Fast-track Operations

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Appendix A: Project summary details

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Application No.	FTAA-2607-1269
Project name	Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill
Applicant name	Whiterock Lime Limited
Project summary details	The project is to construct, establish and operate a Class 3 Managed Fill landfill facility using overburden quarrying and limestone extraction from the existing quarry operation to shape the pit floor and sides over a development area of approximately 5.3 hectares. The project area is approximately 28.93 hectares, located across four properties at 150, 154, 174 and 176 Quarry Road, Loburn, Canterbury Region. The project involves ancillary activities and infrastructure, including: a. construction and installation of a 23–metre bridge structure within a waterway setback b. the continued operation of the existing limestone quarry activities and processing facility for approximately 10 years c. accepting selected inert construction and demolition materials, specific inert materials (asbestos and cured asphalt impacted by coal tar binders), contaminated soil material and cleanfill d. an expected operational life of 20 years, with a capacity of 800,000 tonnes subject to demand and capacity e. construction earthworks, excavation and stockpiling associated with the quarrying/landfill including within waterway margins f. water takes and use, discharges (stormwater, groundwater, sediment). The project will require the following proposed approvals under the fast–track approvals process: a. resource consents under the Resource Management Act 1991.

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Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

20 August 2026

FTAA–2607–1269

Jeff Millward
Chief Executive Officer
Waimakariri District Council
s 9(2)(a)

Dear Jeff

Invitation to provide written comments on the referral application for the Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Note: Comments must be received by **10 September 2026, 11.59PM.**

A referral application has been received by the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister) from Whiterock Lime Limited (the applicant) for the Whiterock Quarry and Managed Fill project (the project) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). Project summary details are in Appendix A.

The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits.

Under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(1)(a) of the Act, I invite Waimakariri District Council as a relevant local authority to provide written comments on the referral application, a copy is available via the applications portal.

Any written comments you provide, must be received within **15 working days** of receipt of this letter and a copy of the application (refer to the due date above). The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame.

Under section 17(3) of the Act, a relevant local authority **must** provide comments advising on the following matters:

1. *Any applications that have been lodged with the Council that would be a competing application or applications if a substantive application for the project were lodged. If no such applications exist, please provide written confirmation.*

In addition, under section 17(3)(b), a relevant local authority **may** also provide other comments, however, any such comments must be relevant to the **referral** application and the decisions that the Minister is required to make under section 21 and limited to the criteria under Section 22 of the Act.

Comments from organisations that recover costs from applicants should focus on relevant matters that are material to the Minister's decision on whether to accept and refer the project, compared to the substantive application which requires comprehensive technical reports and detail.

In considering the criteria under section 22, I invite you to provide comments on the following matters:

2. *Whether you consider the project may involve an ineligible activity, and if so, why (as defined in section 5 of the Act)*
3. *Whether you consider any of the reasons to decline a referral application may be applicable to this application, and if so why (under section 21(5) of Act).*

The information you are receiving is being provided to you consistent with the statutory requirements for inviting written comments under section 17 of the Act. The information is being provided in-confidence and may be commercially sensitive. It should not be disclosed or forwarded to, and comments should not be sought from, anyone outside of your organisation.

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Yours sincerely



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Manager – Fast-track Operations

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Kyle Davis
Representative
Whitiora Centre Limited
s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Kyle

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Under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(d) of the Act (requires consultation with relevant Māori groups identified under section 18(2)), I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application, a copy is available via the applications portal.

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Comments received will help inform the Minister and the criteria in Section 22 of the Act will guide the Minister's decision-making on whether to refer the project to the fast-track approvals process and may assist in determining information that must be submitted with the substantive application.

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