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Environmental Protection Authority  
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Attention: Panel Convener

Teena koutou,

**Rangitooopuni – Listed Fast-track Application**

Rangitooopuni is a listed project under Schedule 2 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024. I am writing to formally confirm the lodgement of the substantive application for the Rangitooopuni project through the digital Fast-Track Portal on 5 May 2025.

As previously discussed with Ms Daya Thompson, Senior Advisor at the Environmental Protection Authority, redacted versions of the application documents will be provided to the EPA prior to any decision being made on completeness.

The proposed development is located on Treaty Settlement land returned to Te Kawerau ā Maki as commercial redress. This is a fundamental element of the proposal and provides essential context for understanding the cultural, historical, and strategic significance of the site.

We understand that applicants are encouraged to take a proactive and creative approach in proposing process solutions that reflect the specific circumstances of their applications. We welcome this flexible and pragmatic framework and look forward to engaging further with the EPA in this regard.

In this context, we would like to signal the following process preferences, which we are happy to discuss further:

- **Cultural Issues Workshop:** We respectfully request that a workshop be convened with the Expert Consenting Panel to ensure the cultural context of the site is fully understood. This would enable Te Kawerau ā Maki to speak directly to the cultural history of the site, the impacts of past grievances, and its aspirations for the whenua.
- **Draft Conditions Workshop:** We would support the convening of a draft conditions workshop, including representatives from Auckland Council and the EPA. We understand this has proven valuable in other processes and believe it would support efficient and well-informed outcomes.
- **Panel Composition:** We intend to make a recommendation regarding the composition of the Expert Consenting Panel. In particular, and given the nature of the proposal, we request that at least one panel member possess expertise in Te Ao Maaori, te Tiriti o Waitangi and its principles, tikanga, and maatauranga Maaori.

We note that guidance from the EPA on process options is expected shortly, and we look forward to reviewing this material in due course. In the meantime, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss our suggested approach with the EPA team to support a collaborative and efficient process.

We appreciate the EPA's ongoing engagement and support, and we look forward to working collaboratively throughout the fast-track process.

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