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Expert Panel

By email: substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz

Heather Ash

Waitākere District Court – New Courthouse Project Expert Panel Chair

Mauriora,

Invitation to comment on the Waitākere District Court – New Courthouse Project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Waitākere District Court – New Courthouse Project FTAA-2508-1096 under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

In addition to my comments provided under Section 18(4) of the Fast-track Approvals Act, I support the application subject to reasonable consideration being given any comments received from the relevant Māori groups, as identified in both the section 18 report, and in the Expert Panel's Minute 1.

I also encourage the Expert Panel to give due regard to the statutory acknowledgement provided for in Te Kawerau a Maki Settlement Act, and relevant provisions in the RMA noting that if this application is approved further approvals will be necessary.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tama Potaka'.

Hon Tama Potaka
Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori
Te Minita mō Te Arawhiti