



26 February 2026

Secretary for the Environment and Chief Executive

Ministry for the Environment

And to: Fast-track Team

By email: info@mfe.govt.nz

To whom it may concern,

RE: Southern Link Property Limited – Southern Link Inland Port – Substantive Application Under the Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024

We write to advise that Southern Link Property Limited (“**SLPL**”) intends to apply imminently for approvals necessary under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (“**FTAA**”) for the construction, use, and operation of the Southern Link Inland Port. The Southern Link Inland Port was accepted as a ‘referral project’ under section 26 of the FTAA by the Minister for Infrastructure in August 2025, and it is intended that an application for the project will be lodged with the Environmental Protection Authority in mid-March 2026.

The application will seek approval for activities relating to the construction, use, and operation of an inland port on a rural site located in Mosgiel, Dunedin, including land use consents, water permits, and discharge permits that would otherwise be applied for under the Resource Management Act 1991.

Throughout the preparation of the Southern Link Inland Port application, SLPL has engaged a range of technical experts to assist with the design of the project and the undertaking of assessments of actual and potential environmental effects associated with the project. As a result of the inputs provided by these technical experts the Southern Link Inland Port will utilise best practice environmental monitoring methods, and operational controls and management.

SLPL will continue to actively engage with the Otago Regional Council and the Dunedin City Council, stakeholders, and members of the community as the project progresses. These commitments will be included in the proposed consent conditions provided as part of the application.

SLPL consulted with the Ministry for the Environment prior to submitting the referral application for the Southern Link Inland Port in accordance with section 11(1)(e) of the FTAA. Whilst not required by the FTAA to consult with the Ministry for the Environment prior to the upcoming lodgement of the substantive application, SLPL invites you or the Ministry to ask any questions or identify any matters you would like to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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