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To: [Tama Potaka \(MIN\)](#)
Cc: [FTAreferrals](#)
Subject: Invitation to comment on Fast-track referral application for the Stella Passage Development - Stage 1 project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 – FTAA-2509-1101
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To:

Minister for Economic Growth
Minister for Regional Development
Minister for Trade and Investment
Minister of Conservation
Minister of Climate Change
Minister for the Environment
Associate Minister of Transport

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 Port of Tauranga Limited for referral of the Stella Passage Development – Stage 1 project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) to the fast-track process (application reference FTAA-2509-1101).

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 **20 working days** of receipt of this email. 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

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| Location | Tauranga / Mount Maunganui |
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Yours sincerely

Office of Hon Chris Bishop

Minister of Housing | Minister for Infrastructure | Minister Responsible for RMA Reform | Minister of Transport | Associate Minister of Finance | Associate Minister for Sport & Recreation | Leader of the House | MP for Hutt South



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Fiona McTavish
Chief Executive
Bay of Plenty Regional Council

s 9(2)(a)

Dear Fiona

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I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(1)(a) of the Act, I invite Bay of Plenty Regional Council to provide written comments on the referral application.

Under section 17(3) of the Act and without limiting any general comments under subsection (1)(a), Bay of Plenty Regional Council **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.

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Yours sincerely

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Suzanne Doig
Acting General Manager, Investment Strategy and Operations

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Penny Nelson
Director-General
Department of Conservation

s 9(2)(a)

Dear Penny

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cc Jenni Fitzgerald – FT Applications Manager – s 9(2)(a)
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Sylvia Willison
General Manager
Huria Marae Committee

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Dear Sylvia

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Matemoana McDonald
Chair
Mauao Trust

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James Palmer
Secretary for the Environment
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Nessie Kuka
MAC-01-05-005 – Ngā Hapū o Matakana

s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Nessie

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Kia Māia Ellis
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Dr. Kenneth Cameron Kennedy
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| Applicant name | Port of Tauranga Limited |
| Project summary details | <p>The project is to extend the existing Sulphur Point and Mount Maunganui Wharves at the existing port facility in Tauranga Harbour.</p> <p>The project's key components are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Deepening, by dredging, approximately 10.55 hectares of Stella Passage to a finished depth of approximately 16m below Chart Datum (CD) (approximately mean low water spring tide). This would yield a volume of dredgings of approximately 1.5 million cubic metres. This dredging will provide clearance for vessels to berth at the proposed wharf extensionsb. Maintenance dredging, on an as needed basis, to maintain an operational depth of 16m below CD within sitting basins and the shipping channel of Stella Passagec. Reclamation of approximately 3.58 hectares of the CMA either side of Stella Passage, to facilitate the wharf extensions. Approximately 1.81 hectares is to be reclaimed on the Sulphur Point (western) side, and approximately 1.77 hectares is to be reclaimed on the Mount Maunganui (eastern) sided. Development of an approximately 385m long extension to the south of the existing Sulphur Point wharves in two stages, a 285m extension first and the balance latere. Development of an approximately 315m long extension to the south of the existing Mount Maunganui wharves in stagesf. Reconfiguration of existing structures and development of new structures in the CMA, primarily wharf piles, berthing piles and jettiesg. Construction and use of four additional cranes atop the proposed Sulphur Point wharf extensions for port operations (shipping container handling) |

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| | <p>h. If necessary, the capture and relocation of kororā/blue penguin from the footprint of the Mount Maunganui extension; and</p> <p>i. Activities involved in, or that support and are subsidiary to, the project.</p> <p>The project will require the proposed approvals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Resource consents under the Resource Management Act 1991Approvals under the Wildlife Act 1953. |
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