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Dear Ms Atkins

**Re: Response to the Wellington International Airport Southern Seawall Renewal Decision – Minor corrections to the Record of Decision of the Expert Consenting Panel**

Wellington City Council (Council) has reviewed the Record of Decision dated 15 May 2026 for the Wellington International Airport Southern Seawall Renewal project's substantive application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). The Council appreciates the Panel's careful assessment of the application and consideration of the comments provided by the Council as part of the assessment process under the Fast-track Approvals Act.

In reviewing the Record of Decision, Council officers have identified two inaccuracies which relate to the description of land relevant to the project. We consider these errors fall within the scope of 'minor corrections' provided for under Section 89 of the Act. The errors and corrections are set out below:

1. Paragraph 173 - Reserves Act matters – Lizards

Error: Paragraph 173 in the Record of Decision inaccurately refers to the lizard relocation sites as recreation reserves, stating that: "Both sites are recreation reserves owned by WCC".

Correction: The site described in the report as "adjacent to the Tukanae Street reserve" is not on recreation reserve; it is adjacent to recreational reserve and on land owned by Wellington International Airport Limited. The Wahine Memorial Park is correctly identified as recreational reserve.

## 2. Paragraph 210 - Reserves Act matters – kororā

Error: Paragraph 173 in the Record of Decision inaccurately refers to the Stage 1 colony penguin underpass, west of the Moa Point Road reserve, as being: “located on Wellington Council owned land which is local purpose (esplanade) reserve subject to the Reserves Act. Reserves Act approval is therefore needed for in relation to the eastern end of the penguin underpass.”

Correction: The penguin underpass to the Stage 1 kororā colony is located on *road reserve*, not on *reserve land*. Permission to use the road reserve for the underpass can be established through a Wellington City Council approval for the use of the land. This approval is separate to the Fast-track Approvals Act process and was not considered as part of an earlier April 2025 Elected Member Council Resolution under the Fast-track Approvals Act.

Permission under the Reserves Act was given through the April 2025 Elected Member Council Resolution for access to the Stage 2 kororā colony located at the eastern end of the seawall renewal area.

Permission under the Reserves Act for the use of the land at the eastern end of the penguin underpass to the Stage 1 kororā colony was not considered as part of the April 2025 Elected Member Council Resolution.

In our view these errors do not affect the outcome of the decision or conditions. Correcting the errors would ensure the ownership or status of the land is accurately described in the Record of Decision. If the Panel agrees that these two inaccuracies fall within the scope of ‘minor correction’ we ask that the Record of Decision be amended to reflect the correct information as set out above.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Susannah Goble at [REDACTED] if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Yours sincerely



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