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Fast-Track Team

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Tēnā koe,

Invitation to comment on the Auckland Prison Capacity Increase Project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Auckland Prison Capacity Increase project under section 53 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

I support the application subject to any comments received from the relevant Māori rūpū identified in the Expert Panel's Minute; and

I note Te Kawerau ā Maki and Ngāti Whātua ki Kaipara have Treaty settlement commercial redress interests connected to the prison site, including a shared right of first refusal over the prison grounds and shared deferred selection property interests over the prison housing land. These interests should be taken into account by the Expert Panel when considering any comments received from relevant Māori rūpū.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Tama Potaka', with a large circular flourish underneath.

Hon Tama Potaka

Te Minita mō Te Arawhiti | Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti