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Dear Phil,

Thank you for the invitation to comment on Port of Auckland Limited's Fast-track Approval Act 2024 (FTAA) substantive application, Bledisloe North Wharf and Fergusson North Berth Extension [FTAA-2503-1028]. You have invited me to comment in my capacity as Associate Minister of Transport.

This application seeks to provide infrastructure to improve the capacity and efficiency of the port. My view is that this will support the Government's priorities for freight, economic growth, transport and tourism. I would like to take this opportunity to note my support for the progress of Bledisloe North Wharf and Fergusson North Berth Extension through the FTAA process. It presents a significant opportunity to unlock development and economic growth, to benefit the portfolios for which I have Ministerial responsibility and New Zealand overall.

Yours sincerely,

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Phil - these projects are vital for growing our maritime economy. The ability to attract larger cruise and logistics vessels will benefit tourism, improve our ability to export our goods to the world, lift incomes and grow our economy. We shift 99% of our goods through the ports so supporting ongoing investment is crucial.