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22 January 2026

Expert Panel  
By email: [substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz](mailto:substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz)

Tēnā koe,

**Invitation to comment on Homestead Bay under section 72 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024**

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Homestead Bay project under section 72 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

I support the decision of the Expert Panel and the conditions subject to that decision and note that the Panel found that not all relief sought to uphold Kāi Tahu cultural values could appropriately be imposed as conditions of consent, and that effects on cultural values, beliefs, uses and associations are only partially addressed.

Mauri ora

Hon Tama Potaka  
Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori me Te Minita mō Te Arawhiti