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### **Request for reports and advice under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024**

New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi has lodged a substantive application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) on 15 December 2025. The North West Rapid Transit application relates to development of a rapid transit link and associated infrastructure and connections between Brigham Creek and Auckland city centre, which may be progressed in 1 or more sections of new or existing road between those 2 points.

The EPA has decided that the application is complete and in scope under section 46 of the Act and provided the application to the panel convener. The substantive application seeks an approval for an archaeological authority as described in section 42(4)(i) of the Act.

Under section 51 of the Act, the panel convener has now directed the EPA to obtain from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and the Māori Heritage Council reports prepared in accordance with clause 3 of Schedule 8.

The panel convener has issued the attached Minute regarding this matter.

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and the Māori Heritage Council must provide the reports and advice requested to the EPA **within 10 working days after the panel invites comments under section 53 of the Act.**

If you have any questions, please contact Mujahid Musa, Application Lead by email at [info@fasttrack.govt.nz](mailto:info@fasttrack.govt.nz).

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