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Mary Hill
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Dear Mary

Thank you for your invitation to comment on the substantive application for the Brynderwyns alternative motorway project [FTAA-2603-1178] under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

I support the Brynderwyns alternative motorway receiving the approvals it requires, subject to any conditions the panel considers appropriate.

I have not considered the operational impacts of this project on local transport networks and will not comment on them. The applicant is the New Zealand Transport Agency, and it has consulted with the Northland Regional Council, Kaipara District Council, and Whangarei District Council. These organisations oversee operational transport matters and are best placed to provide insights into any implications from the application on the transport network. I recommend the applicant continue to work with them as needed to resolve any operational transport matters.

Yours sincerely,

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