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Dear Helen,

Thank you for the invitation to comment on Vineway Limited's application for a fast-track consent for the proposed Delmore development in Ōrewa.

I support the application and note the development would deliver significant benefits to the Auckland region by facilitating the construction of over 1,200 homes.

Earlier this year, the Watercare Charter was passed into law and from 1 July, Watercare will be financially separated from Auckland Council. This is a significant achievement that will enable record infrastructure investment averaging \$1.3 billion a year to unlock housing growth in Auckland. I will be exploring what can be done to accelerate Watercare's investment in the Hibiscus Coast network.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Simon Watts

**Minister of Local Government**