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Subject: Wellington International Airport Limited – Southern Seawall Renewal – Consultation under Section 29 of the Fast-track Approvals Act
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Kia ora [REDACTED],

I am writing to advise that Wellington International Airport Limited (“**WIAL**”) intends to apply for approvals necessary under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 (“**FTAA**”) for the construction of the Southern Seawall Renewal Project. The Southern Seawall Renewal Project was listed in Schedule 2 of the FTAA, and it is intended that an application for the project will be lodged with the Environmental Protection Authority in June 2025.

The application will seek approval for works that will help safeguard the long-term operation of the Airport against natural hazards, increase the Airport’s resilience to climate change, and reduce the increasing maintenance demands of the existing seawall. This will include (but is not restricted to):

- Establishing two construction yards, and using them, along with an existing yard, for storage and construction activities;
- Reconstructing the Southern Seawall with rock and Cubipods;
- Remediating the eroding Eastern Bank with rock protection; and
- Creating two new kororā (little penguin) colonies.

Of relevance to Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, WIAL is seeking approvals that outside of the FTAA process would typically be required under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.

As an administering agency of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014, we would appreciate the opportunity to meet with representatives of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga to provide an overview of the Project, and to discuss the Archaeological Authority that WIAL will be seeking under the FTAA. We would greatly value any feedback Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga can offer on our proposal, which will help us to refine our substantive application.

Please let us know the best way to schedule such a meeting – we look forward to the opportunity to discuss the Project further with you.

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Wellington International Airport – Southern Seawall Renewal Fast-Track Project

Thank you for consulting with Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) regarding the Southern Seawall Renewal Fast-Track Project at Wellington Airport.

Wellington International Airport Limited (WIAL) met with HNZPT representatives via TEAMS on 6th May 2025; this meeting was followed by various emails. WIAL has also supplied HNZPT with copies of the draft archaeology assessment, archaeological site management plan, draft archaeological authority application and conditions for comment and review.

From an archaeological point of view the project is straightforward. HNZPT also acknowledges that consultation with mana whenua is ongoing, and that previous cultural impact assessments (undertaken as part of the runway extension project) are being reviewed by mana whenua. HNZPT considers, with the proposed archaeological management measures in place, any potential archaeological values will be appropriately managed.

HNZPT is of the opinion that condition 1 of the draft archaeological authority application is problematic. The condition reads:

The consent holder must appoint a s45 approved person for the duration of the works [...] unless advised by the Project Archaeologist and confirmed in writing by HNZPT that the appointment is no longer required.

The process for changing the designated project archaeologist is outlined in Section 45(3) of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014:

If it is necessary at any time, and for any reason, to replace the person approved to carry out an activity under an authority, the holder of the authority must, by written application to Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, seek approval for another nominated person to carry out that activity.

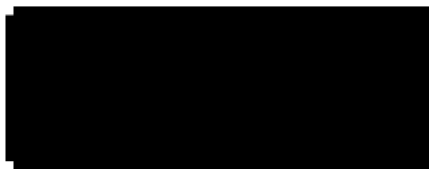
This process is not uncommon, and is usually a simple administrative matter. As such, the second part of the condition is not necessary and should be deleted.



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Overall, HNZPT is pleased to be consulted regarding this project, and we look forward to further engagement as the project progresses.

Nakū Noa, Nā





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Wellington International Airport – Southern Seawall Renewal Fast-Track Project

Thank you for your email response to my letter dated 23rd July. I would like to reiterate that HNZPT considers that, with the proposed archaeological management measures in place, the archaeological values of the project area will be appropriately managed.

I acknowledge that WIAL has amended proposed condition 1 of the draft archaeological authority, to read:

1. The consent holder must appoint a s45 approved person (Project Archaeologist) for the duration of the works in the Areas marked on Attachment 1.

HNZPT considers that the amended condition is appropriate and is aligned with the normal processes for appointment of project archaeologists under Section 45 of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.

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