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Tēnā koe

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

Wellington International Airport Limited has lodged a substantive application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) on 23 April 2025. The Wellington International Airport Southern Seawall Renewal application (the application) relates to the replacement and upgrade of the existing seawall located at the southern end of the runway.

On 14 November 2025, the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) determined that the application complies with section 46(2) of the Act. The EPA confirmed that the application is complete and within scope under section 46 and has referred it to the panel convener. The application also includes a request for an archaeological authority, as outlined in section 42(4)(i) of the Act.

Under section 51 of the Act, the panel convener has directed the EPA to obtain reports from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and the Māori Heritage Council, prepared in accordance with clause 3 of Schedule 8. These directions are detailed in a Minute issued by the panel convener on 2 December 2025, attached as Appendix 1 to this letter.

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 in accordance with section 51(4)(a) of the Act.

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If you have any questions, please contact Daya Thomson, Application Leader by email at

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