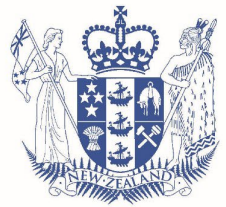


Hon James Meager

Minister for the South Island
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29 January 2026

Hon Nicola Grigg
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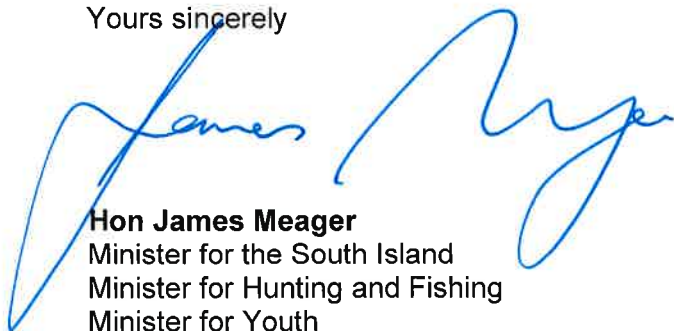
Dear Minister,

Transfer of responsibility in relation to Fast-track applications made by Southern Infrastructure Limited

- 1 My responsibilities as Minister for the South Island and in the Transport portfolio include considering applications made under the Fast-track Approvals Act (the Act).
- 2 One of the applications recently received by my office has been made by Southern Infrastructure Limited and that company (or its associated companies) may submit future applications. I have a personal interest relating to that company.
- 3 I wish to avoid a perception of a conflict of interest between my personal interest and my responsibilities as a Minister for the South Island and Associate Minister of Transport (and Acting Minister of Transport for aviation matters).
- 4 Accordingly, I am transferring to you, under section 7 of the Constitution Act 1986 and with the Prime Minister's agreement, my responsibilities as Minister for the South Island and in the Transport portfolio, for matters relating to applications by Southern Infrastructure Limited and associated companies (Southern Infrastructure companies) under the Act.
- 5 As a consequence of this:
 - 5.1 officials will report directly to you on anything relating to Southern Infrastructure companies' applications under the Act;
 - 5.2 any information relating to Southern Infrastructure companies' applications under the Act referred to you;
 - 5.3 I will not receive Cabinet papers or official papers or reports relating to Southern Infrastructure companies' applications under the Act;
 - 5.4 if consideration of Southern Infrastructure companies' applications under the Act are discussed at Cabinet committee or Cabinet meetings, I will declare my interest and withdraw from the meeting (or seek the agreement of colleagues to continue to take part).
- 6 You should sign off on decisions relating to Southern Infrastructure companies' applications under the Act as the Acting Minister for the South Island or as the Acting

Minister of Transport, as applicable. You should not discuss matters connected to any conflicted applications with me or otherwise consult me on them.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Meager', written in a cursive style.

Hon James Meager
Minister for the South Island
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cc Prime Minister
Secretary of the Cabinet
Secretary of Economic Growth
Secretary of Transport