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Hon Chris Bishop
Minister for Infrastructure

By email: infrastructure.Portfolio@parliament.govt.nz

Dear Minister,

Thank you for your invitation to comment on the substantive application for the Waikanae North Residential Housing Scheme [FTAA-2603-1194] under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024. You have invited me to comment in my capacity as Associate Minister of Transport.

This application is for a new, master-planned residential neighbourhood on the Kapiti Coast. It will allow up to 1000 new dwellings, with a new commercial centre supporting the development.

I have not considered the impact of this proposal on the local transport network. However, I am pleased to see that the applicant is working with the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and local regional and city councils to ensure these matters are properly considered and note that those organisations have also been invited to comment on this application.

I would like to take the opportunity to note my support for this project to receive the substantive approvals it requires.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Meager', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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