

# Hon Tama Potaka

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Expert Panel

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## Invitation to comment on the Southland Wind project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Southland Wind project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

In addition to my comments provided under Section 1894) of the Fast-track Approvals Act, I support the application to reasonable consideration being given to the comments provided by relevant Māori groups, as identified in the Expert Panel's Minute 1.

I also encourage the Expert Panel consider:

- the statutory acknowledgement over the Matakura River, and whether it should be extended to the tributaries relevant to the project area – Mimiha Stream and Mokoreta River; and
- the association of Ngāi Tahu with taonga species that are found within the project area.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Tama Potaka'.

Hon Tama Potaka  
Te Minita mō Te Arawhiti