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Dear Rob,

Thank you for the invitation to comment on New Zealand Transport Agency's Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA) substantive application, State Highway 1 (SH1) North Canterbury Woodend Bypass (Belfast to Pegasus) (FTAA-2512-1157).

Having reviewed the substantive application, I note the Project has been designed to remain resilient to the potential impacts of climate change and natural hazards, including flooding/hydrological and seismic hazards.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my broad support for projects which deliver positive outcomes for New Zealand, including the State Highway 1 (SH1) North Canterbury Woodend Bypass (Belfast to Pegasus) project.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Simon Watts
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