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Expert Panel By email: substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz

Tēnā koe,

Invitation to comment on Auckland Prison Capacity Increase project under section 72 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the **Auckland Prison Capacity Increase** project under section 72 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

I support the decision of the Expert Panel, and the conditions subject to that decision.

I note the specific condition DES 50 requires the establishment of an Iwi Forum as a basis for ongoing engagement with the mana whenua of Pāremoremo.

I recommend that the consent conditions are clarified so that:

a) The relationship between Sub-Clause DES 50 (2) and DES 50 (5) is rephased to read to ensure the Panel can achieve the purpose for the Forum as outlined at DES (2).
b) The applicant ensures their representatives on the forum enable early engagement with the Forum on relevant matters, that ensure that cultural advice provided by the Forum is considered and appropriately incorporated into the final decisions.

Nāku noa nā,

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Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori me Te Minita mō Te Arawhiti

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