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Tēnā koe,

**Invitation to comment on the Alternative to the Brynderwyn Hills project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024**

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the **Alternative to the Brynderwyn Hills** project under section 53 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

I support the application subject to any comments received from the relevant Māori groups identified in both the section 18 report, and in the Expert Panel's Minute.

I also encourage the Expert Panel to have regard to the relevant Treaty settlement interests identified in the section 18 report, including the statutory acknowledgement provisions of the Te Uri o Hau Claims Settlement Act 2002, when considering the application.

Nāku noa, nā

**Hon Tama Potaka**
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