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Fast-Track Team
By email: substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz

Tēnā koe,

Invitation to comment on the Beachlands South project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Beachlands South project under section 53 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

You requested comment from Hon Tama Potaka as Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti and Minister for Māori Development. I am responding as Acting Minister of those portfolios.

I support the application subject to any comments received from the relevant Māori rōpū 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 statutory acknowledgements of Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki and Te Ākitai Waiohua, alongside the broader interests of mana whenua in the area.

Nāku noa, nā

Hon James Meager
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