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Tēnā koe Sandra

## **COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – Response to request for further information**

I am writing in response to your letter of 29 June requesting further information on application 2020-17 Dominion Road Mixed-use Development (the application), under clause 25 of Schedule 6 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020.

Ngāti Koheriki are a hapū of Waikato-Tainui and are beneficiaries of the Waikato Raupatu Claims Settlement (1995). Te Whakakitenga o Waikato is the post-settlement governance entity for Waikato-Tainui, and were invited by the Panel to comment on the application.

The Crown has, however, recognised Ngāti Koheriki as a large natural group mandated to negotiate the settlement of their remaining historical Treaty of Waitangi claims. As such, Ngāti Koheriki should be afforded the opportunity to comment on fast-track consent applications that fall within their area of interest, separate to their association with Waikato-Tainui.

In response to your request, my officials wrote to the Ngāti Koheriki Claims Committee inviting them to provide comment on the application. The Ngāti Koheriki Claims Committee have not provided comment on the application.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Little', written over a blue line.

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