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Via email: karaka.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz

Tēnā koe Alan

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on consent application for the Karaka North Village Project

Thank you for your email of 24 May 2022 seeking my comments on the consent application for the Karaka North Village Project by Capella Group Ltd under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

I support the intent of the project, being to construct a residential development in Karaka, Auckland.

I note that under the Act you must also seek comment from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT). My officials have provided me with a summary of the comments HNZPT intend to make to your Panel.

I have reviewed HNZPT's comments and note their recommendation that a Heritage Management Plan is required to manage effects on historic heritage sites within the application area. I understand that HNZPT have also recommended minor changes to the proposed Accidental Discovery Protocol, and the addition of a pre-commencement briefing on site with the project archaeologist. I support these recommendations as reasonable steps to manage any potential effects on historic heritage as a result of the works.

Given the recommendations made by HNZPT, I would appreciate the opportunity to review the draft conditions should your Panel decide to grant the consent.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carmel Sepuloni'.

Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage