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Tēnā koe

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – Comment on application 2020-24 Nola Estate

I am writing in response to your letter of 20 May in which you invited my written comments on referred application 2020-24 Nola Estate under section 21(2) of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020.

I have considered matters specific to my portfolio as the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and as the Minister responsible for the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011.

The application site falls within the area of interest of a number of groups that are yet to settle their historical Treaty of Waitangi claims. Of these unsettled groups, I understand Ngāti Koheriki may not fit a definition under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 that requires the Panel to invite their comment on this application. I therefore request you provide the Ngāti Koheriki Claims Committee with a copy of the application, and invite the Ngāti Koheriki Claims Committee to comment on the application

Nāku noa, nā

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