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Judge Laurence Newhook

Chair

Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct Redevelopment Expert Consenting Panel

Environmental Protection Authority

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By email: waitohifasttrack@epa.govt.nz

Tēnā koe Judge

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020: Comment on the application for Listed Project 14 – Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct Redevelopment

I am writing in response to your letter of 3 February in which you invited written comments on the application for Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct Redevelopment under Schedule 6 clause 17(4) 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. I note the Panel has not invited comment from Tahuāroa-Riwaka Houra Whānau and Te Rūnanga o Rangitane o Kaituna, Takutai Moana applicants pursuing their applications through the High Court. These groups may have an interest in the consent application and are otherwise not guaranteed the ability to comment as an iwi authority or Treaty settlement entity.

Contact details for the applicants and the status of applications are available on the High Court website: <https://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/the-courts/high-court/high-court-lists/marine-and-coastal-area-takutai-moana-act-2011-applications-for-recognition-orders/>.

Nāku noa, nā

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