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Judge Laurence Newhook

Chairperson, Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct Redevelopment Expert Consenting Panel

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Tēnā koe Judge Newhook

## **COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on consent application for the Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct Redevelopment (LP14)**

Thank you for your email of 3 February 2021 seeking my comments on the consent application for the Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct Redevelopment by KiwiRail Holdings Ltd, Port Marlborough New Zealand Ltd and Marlborough District Council under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

I support the intent of the project, being to comprehensively redevelop the ferry precinct and associated infrastructure at Waitohi Picton.

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

I have reviewed HNZPT's comments and note their view that the conservation and protection of identified heritage places in the vicinity, the Picton Railway Station and the *Edwin Fox* Hull and Anchor Windlass, are not adequately addressed in the proposed conditions for the consent. I note that HNZPT has proposed amendments to the conditions of consent relating to these two heritage places, and to the proposed conditions relating to archaeology.

Given the concerns raised 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 blue ink, appearing to be 'C. Sepuloni'.

Hon Carmel Sepuloni

**Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage**