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

Tēnā koe Jeremy

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on consent application for the Wooing Tree Estate Project

Thank you for your email of 9 June 2021 seeking my comments on the consent application for the Wooing Tree Estate Project by Wooing Tree Property Development LP under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

I support the intent of the project, being the subdivision of 300 residential lots, 3 commercial lots and a community facility lot at the Wooing Tree Estate, Cromwell.

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 that there are no identified historic heritage sites in the proposed development area. HNZPT have recommended that their standard Accidental Discovery Protocol (ADP) should be a condition of consent to manage the risk of previously unrecorded archaeology being discovered during the proposed works. I encourage the panel to consider this recommendation.

Given HNZPT's comments, I would appreciate the opportunity to review the draft conditions should your Panel decide to grant the consent.

Nāku noa, nā

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Hon Carmel Sepuloni
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