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

Tēnā koe Phil

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on consent application for the Drury Centre Precinct

Thank you for your email of 23 February 2022 seeking my comments on the consent application for the Drury Centre Precinct by Kiwi Property Holdings No.2 Limited under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

I support the intent of the project, being to subdivide and construct a commercial and residential development in Drury, 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 view that there has been insufficient assessment of the effects of the proposed works on the adjacent historic heritage site Flanagan's Homestead. Given this, I support HNZPT's request for a heritage impact assessment to be provided to them as a condition of consent prior to works commencing.

I also support HNZPT's comments on the draft conditions, including heritage information in the pre-commencement briefing and the removal of the archaeological monitoring condition.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'C Sepuloni'.

Hon Carmel Sepuloni
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