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Chair, Federal Street Residences Expert Consenting Panel

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

Tēnā koe Gerald

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on consent application for the Federal Street Residences Project

Thank you for your email of 24 March 2022 seeking my comments on the consent application for the Federal Street Residences Project by P0012 Auckland NZ Pty Limited under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

I support the intent of the project, being to construct a 55-storey mixed-use tower in Central 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 support their concerns with the application of the Historic Heritage Bonus Floor Area provision (Auckland Unitary Plan H8.6.11). As no detail is provided on which historic heritage place will be used, they are concerned the Panel will not have oversight on whether it will be adequate to offset the greater floor space, or whether any conservation of the historic heritage place will be appropriate.

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 be 'C. Sepuloni'.

Hon Carmel Sepuloni
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