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

Tēnā koe Sarah

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

Thank you for your email of 16 June 2021 seeking my comments on the consent application for the Papakāinga Development Project by He Korowai Trust under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

I support the intent of the project, being development of 24 residential dwellings in Kaitaia, Northland.

I note that under the Act you must also seek comment from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT). My officials have provided me with the comments HNZPT intend to make to your Panel.

I have reviewed HNZPT's comments and support their view that the proposed archaeology advice note should be replaced with the HNZPT standard conditions for archaeology, including for the accidental discovery of archaeological material.

Given the conditions HNZPT have recommended, 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 'Carmel Sepuloni', written in a cursive style.

Hon Carmel Sepuloni

Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage