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Tēnā koe Ms Hamm

## **COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on consent application for the Kōpū Marine Precinct Project**

Thank you for your email of 11 January 2022 seeking my comments on the consent application for the Kōpū Marine Precinct Project by Thames Coromandel District Council under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

I support the intent of the project, being to upgrade commercial and recreational boating facilities in Kōpū, Coromandel.

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 minor revisions to the draft conditions may be required for the final design choice, so that they are aligned with the archaeological authority that has been issued for the project and archaeological management plan. I support these proposed changes so that the process of managing historic heritage during works is clear.

Given the comments 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  
**Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage**