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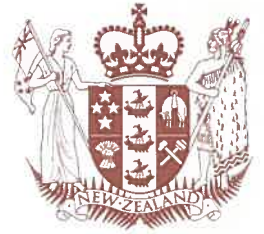
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Judge Laurie Newhook
Chair
Matawii Expert Consenting Panel
Environmental Protection Authority

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Tēnā koe

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – Comment on applications

I am writing in response to your letter of 1 September in which you invited my written comments on Listed Project 16 – Matawii Water Storage Reservoir.

I have considered matters specific to my portfolio as the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and as the Minister responsible for the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011.

I note that Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi have previously expressed their support for this project. Local hapū may have further views on, or information relevant to, the project. Given the added complexity of representation in the Kaikohe area, I encourage the Panel to enable input from interested hapū in conjunction with Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi.

I trust these comments will assist you in making a decision on the future of this project.

Nāku noa, nā


Hon Andrew Little
Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations