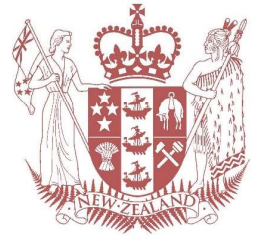


Hon Kelvin Davis



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Tēnā koe

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

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 Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kelvin Davis'.

Hon Kelvin Davis
Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti