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**Re: Matawii Water Storage Reservoir application (LP16) under COVID-19 Recovery
(Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020**

This letter is to inform you of our support of the project to construct a water storage reservoir near Ngawha, Kaikohe.

This project has been included as a shovel ready project in the Fast Track Consenting Act and will provide water for horticulture, be a water source for the people of Kaikohe and support the development of the Ngawha Innovation and Enterprise Park. The reservoir is on land owned by Far North Holdings Ltd, a council controlled trading organisation of the Far North District Council, and owned by the ratepayers of the Far North district.

The Far North, and in particular Kaikohe, has faced water shortages over many years, with the drought this year being one of the worst experienced, causing hardship for many of our people. The purpose of this project is to provide water, and with water, jobs. These will be through using the water for horticulture, allowing us to benefit from the rich soils Kaikohe and the mid-north is known for, and through establishment of businesses in the Ngawha Innovation and Enterprise Park. We expect the necessary environment conditions will be met through the consent process and that the project will provide an overall benefit.

This project is important to our Whānau, Hapū, and Te Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi.

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koe



Kia ora!

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