

Tēnā koe, e te rakatira,

Tēnei te mihi nui ki a koe i raro i kā āhuataka o te wā.

I write on behalf of Aukaha, who represents Kāi Tahu whānui as mana whenua in the Otago region. I confirm that we prepared the Cultural Impact Assessment dated November 2020 and the Cultural Narrative dated April 2020 relating to the New Dunedin Hospital Project. We understand that these documents will form part of an application by the Ministry of Health under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting) Act 2020 to authorise the Stage One Enabling Works for the project.

We can confirm that the CIA and Cultural Narrative were prepared by us in consultation with mana whenua, being Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou. In addition, Aukaha has provided input into the various archaeological assessments requested and granted which are relevant to the Stage One works sought, namely:

- 2021/323, which authorises the undertaking of earthworks on the Inpatient site, including removal of foundations, site clearance, installation of services, excavations associated with access ways and construction of buildings;
- 2020-745, which authorises removal of foundations, site clearance, installation of services, excavations associated with access ways and construction of buildings on the Outpatient site;
- 2019/481, which authorises various earthworks, removal of building slabs, site clearance and the construction of structures and services on the Logistics Centre site.

We are advised by the Ministry of Health that the volunteered conditions of the Enabling Works consent include an advice note to ensure that all accidental discovery protocols set out in the applicable archaeological authorities are followed in the event of any potential archaeological discoveries. We further understand the archaeological authorities form an appendix to the Enabling Works application.

On the basis of those matters, we do not consider that any additional CIA is required for this stage of the project.

For further information, please make contact via the contact details below.

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Nāku noa,  
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