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**COVID 19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 - New Dunedin Hospital  
Whakatuputu - Response to request for information**

- 1 We refer to the Environmental Protection Authority's letter dated 6 December 2021 which sets out a fifth request by the Expert Consenting Panel for further information in relation to the Stage 1 enabling works for the New Dunedin Hospital – Whakatuputu.
- 2 The Panel has sought confirmation from the Minister of Health and the Ministry of Health, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Aukaha that *the parties agree in good faith that the request [by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu regarding the recovery of costs]<sup>1</sup> will be met by the Crown outside the terms of any resource consent, if granted by the Panel.*
- 3 In respect of the above, the Minister of Health and the Ministry of Health confirms that where a condition of consent requires it to work with Aukaha and other advisors to mana whenua, it will meet any reasonable costs charged by such entities for the time and expertise involved in providing such services.
- 4 Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Yours faithfully



Lauren Semple  
Partner

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<sup>1</sup> Te Runanga o Ngāi Tahu comments on New Dunedin Hospital – Whakatuputu, dated 29 October 2021.