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Tēnā koe

**Request for information from the Minister of Health and the Ministry of Health in relation to New Dunedin Hospital – Whakatuputupu (FTC000030) under COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020**

The New Dunedin Hospital – Whakatuputupu Expert Consenting Panel (the Panel) has directed the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to request further information from you under clause 25 of Schedule 6 of the COVID-19 Recovery Act 2020 (the Act), relating to the New Dunedin Hospital – Whakatuputupu consent application.

The Panel refers to the applicants response to comments by Ngai Tahu regarding cost recovery under general condition for engagement with mana whenua and the Memorandum of Understanding with mana whenua.

The Panel notes that the MoU provided by the applicants does not include any cost recovery provisions and it is unable to include a condition of consent in relation to this matter.

The EPA is seeking the following information as outlined below:

1. Confirmation from the applicants, Ngai Tahu and Aukaha that the parties agree in good faith that the request will be met by the Crown outside the terms of any resource consent, if granted, by the Panel.

In accordance with clause 25 of Schedule 6 of the Act the applicant must

- a) Provide the information requested; or
- b) Advise the EPA, with reasons that you decline to provide the information requested.

Please provide the further information to the EPA by **4pm Wednesday 8 December 2021**.

If the information requested is not received, the panel must proceed as if the request for further information has been declined.

Please note, the information will be provided to the panel, the applicants and every person who provided comments on the application/notice of requirement. The information will also be made available on the EPA website.

If you have any questions or further queries, please don't hesitate to contact Gen Hewett, Senior Advisor, on 04 474 5523 or by email [gen.hewett@epa.govt.nz](mailto:gen.hewett@epa.govt.nz).

Nāku noā, na

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Gen Hewett  
Senior Advisor