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Judge Laurie Newhook
Chairperson, New Dunedin Hospital - Whakatuputupu Expert Consenting Panel

Via email: dunedinhospital.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz

Tēnā koe Judge Newhook

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on consent application for the New Dunedin Hospital - Whakatuputupu Project

Thank you for your email of 6 October 2021 seeking my comments on the consent application for the New Dunedin Hospital - Whakatuputupu Project by the Ministry of Health under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

I support the intent of the project, being to construct the new hospital complex in Dunedin.

I note that under the Act you must also seek comment from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT). My officials have provided me with a summary of the comments HNZPT intend to make to your Panel.

I have reviewed HNZPT's comments and support their view that HNZPT providing feedback on the Heritage Temporary Protection Plan should be a condition of consent, so the effects on the two heritage places are adequately managed.

I would appreciate the opportunity to review the draft conditions should your Panel decide to grant the consent.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Sepuloni'.

Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage