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

Tēnā koe Jan

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on consent application for the Ohinewai Foam Factory Project

Thank you for your email of 1 June 2021 seeking my comments on the consent application for the Ohinewai Foam Factory Project by Ambury Properties Ltd under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

I support the intent of the project, being to construct a foam factory in Ohinewai, Waikato.

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 note that there are no identified historic heritage sites in the proposed development area, and that an Accidental Discovery Protocol (ADP) should be a condition of consent. HNZPT's submission to the panel will recommend a standard ADP instead of the applicants proposed wording, and I encourage the panel to consider this alternative.

Given HNZPT's comments, 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 blue ink, appearing to be 'Carmel Sepuloni'.

Hon Carmel Sepuloni
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