

# Hon Carmel Sepuloni

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Tēnā koe Michael

## **COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on consent application for the Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements Project**

Thank you for your email of 3 September 2021 seeking my comments on the consent application for the Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements Project by Waka Kotahi under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

I support the intent of the project, being to carry out road improvements along State Highway 1 between Papakura and Drury, Auckland.

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 their view that the proposed works and conditions will adequately manage any potential effects on historic heritage.

An archaeological authority under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 may be required for some of the project enabling works. HNZPT will liaise directly with applicants to advise them of their obligations.

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 read 'C Sepuloni'.

Hon Carmel Sepuloni