

12 November 2021

Rangitane Maritime Development Expert Consenting Panel

C/- Environmental Protection Authority

Attention: Alex Erceg

by email

Dear Alex

Request to suspend the processing of the Rangitane Maritime Development under the Covid-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020

1. I act for Far North Holdings Limited (**FNHL**) in relation to its application for resource consent for the Rangitane Maritime Development (**Application**) under the Covid-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 (**FTCA**).

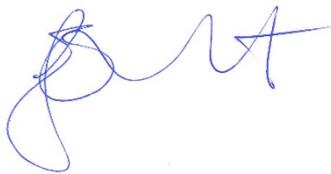
Request for Suspension

2. FNHL requests the suspension of the processing of this Application pursuant to Schedule 6, clauses 6(1)(b)(ii) and 23 of the FTCA.
3. The purpose of the suspension is to provide an opportunity to engage with and respond to matters raised by Te Rūnanga ā Iwi o Ngāpuhi.
4. Invitations to comment on the Application closed on 10 November 2021. The comment received from Te Rūnanga ā Iwi o Ngāpuhi¹ raises concerns with the cultural impact assessment (**CIA**) provided in support of the Application.

¹ Letter, Russell McVeagh to EPA, dated 10 November 2021.

5. As the Panel will be aware, an applicant has five working days within which to respond to comments received. FNHL wish to further engage with Te Rūnanga ā Iwi o Ngāpuhi with a view to addressing their concerns. In order to do so, additional time is required.
6. This request falls within the timeframe set out in clause 23(2) of Schedule 6 as the Application has been provided to the Panel, but the Panel is yet to make a final decision on the Application.
7. At the time of writing the timeframe required for appropriate engagement with Te Rūnanga ā Iwi o Ngāpuhi is unknown. Accordingly, FNHL respectfully requests that the processing of the Application is suspended for a period of three weeks until 3 December 2021. I anticipate that requests to adjust this timeframe may be made, once further consultation has commenced, and the parties agree a roadmap for that process.

Yours faithfully



Jeremy Brabant