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RE: Rangitane Maritime Development - Cultural Impact Assessment Report

Dear Alex,

We are writing to inform the Expert Panel of progress made to ensure the application before it complies with the relevant legislation. More specifically with regard to the Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) that must be prepared by or on behalf of the relevant iwi authority as per Schedule 6 of the COVID-19 (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020.

Far North Holdings Ltd and Te Rūnanga Ā Iwi O Ngāpuhi (TRAION) have met to resolve this flaw in the application and have entered into an agreement which will produce a CIA in accordance with legislative requirements. Additionally both parties are jointly committed to ensuring the voices of those with mana i te whenua who have or wish to engage in the process are reflected in the CIA.

The agreement provides for the CIA to be completed on or before 14 February 2022 by independent contractor Dallas King who has been commissioned by TRAION to undertake the task. Upon completion the applicant will lodge with the EPA and apply to lift the current suspension.

Both parties acknowledge that all other information or comments presented with the application relating to cultural impact, including those provided by hapū, is valued in the nature of invited or otherwise tendered comments as provided for by the Act.

We have felt it important that the Expert Panel be made aware of this progress, and to anticipate a recommencement of the processing of the application.

Yours faithfully,



Sam Napia
Chief Executive Officer
Te Rūnanga Ā Iwi Ō Ngāpuhi



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