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Francelle Lupis
Chair, Rotokauri North Expert Consenting Panel

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

Tēnā koe Francelle

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

Thank you for your email of 1 June 2022 seeking my comments on the consent application for the Rotokauri North Project under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

I support the intent of the project, being to construct a residential development in Burbush, Hamilton.

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 support for the development overall, including the draft Accidental Discovery Protocol. They have advised that the addition of a pre-commencement briefing condition would assist staff onsite to better understand and utilise the Accidental Discovery Protocol, and I support this proposed addition.

Given the proposed condition from HNZPT, 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 'C. Sepuloni'.

Hon Carmel Sepuloni
Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage