

## Hon Andrew Little

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Te Ara Tupua Expert Consenting Panel  
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Tēnā koe

### **COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – Comment on application for Listed Project 01:**

I am writing in response to your letter of 20 November in which you invited my written comments on Listed Project 01 Te Ara Tupua Ngauranga to Petone Shared Path.

I have considered matters specific to my portfolio as the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and as the Minister responsible for the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011.

Te Ara Tupua Ngauranga to Petone Shared Path could impact applicants who have applied for recognition of customary rights under the Marine and Coastal (Takutai Moana) Act 2011. I understand the Ministry for the Environment has provided details of the MACA applicants to the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Fast-track Consenting Act does not require the Panel to invite comment from these applicants. In the event these applicants have not been invited to comment, I suggest the Panel consider ways to ensure their input through the resource consent process and conditions to the resource consent.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Little', written over the printed name.

**Hon Andrew Little**  
**Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations**