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Tēnā koe Alex

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – invitation to comment on draft consent conditions for the Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct Redevelopment (LP14)

Thank you for your email of 13 April 2021 inviting my comments on the draft consent conditions for the Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct Redevelopment under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

I support the intent of the project, being to comprehensively redevelop the ferry precinct and associated infrastructure at Waitohi Picton.

I note that you must also seek comment from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT), as they have previously provided comments regarding consent conditions for this project. HNZPT has provided a summary of the comments they intend to make to your Panel.

I have reviewed HNZPT's comments and note their view that the conservation and protection of identified heritage places in the project's vicinity (the Picton Railway Station and the Edwin Fox Hull and Anchor Windlass) have still not been adequately addressed in the information provided with the application nor the draft consent conditions. I note that HNZPT previously proposed amendments to the conditions of consent relating to these two heritage places, and to the proposed conditions relating to archaeology. These proposed amendments have not been adopted as draft consent conditions.

Given the range of issues raised by HNZPT, I have concerns that the proposed draft conditions are inadequate to ensure the appropriate protection of heritage in the vicinity of the proposed development. I would therefore encourage the Panel to carefully consider the further comments provided by HNZPT at this stage of the process, to ensure that that heritage is appropriately considered in the consent conditions.

Nāku noa, nā

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