

10 May 2025

Hon. Chris Bishop
Minister of Infrastructure
Fast-track Approval
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Tēnā koe e te Minita

Re: Fast-track Approval for Waipiro Bay Marina

1. This response is made on behalf of Te Kahu o Taonui (Te Tai Tokerau Iwi Chairs Forum).
2. Te Kahu o Taonui was established in 2006/07 and is now a collective of Authorities in Te Tai Tokerau namely Ngāti Kuri Trust Board, Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri, Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Takoto, Te Iwi o Ngāti Kahu Trust, Kahukuraariki Trust / Ngātikahu ki Whangaroa, Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa, Te Runanga-Ā-Iwi-Ō Ngāpuhi, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine, Ngātiwai Trust Board, Te Iwi o Te Roroa and Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua.
3. The aim of Te Kahu o Taonui is to advance the collective aspirations of Te Tai Tokerau iwi and hapū. "Me mahi tahi tātou mō te iwi te take".

POSITION:

4. Te Kahu o Taonui supports the submission of Ngāti Kuta and Patukeha hapū, as it incorporates our philosophy and views.
5. We are united in the position of opposition, that the proposed Waipiro Bay Marina Infrastructure project does not meet the criteria for Fast-track Approval because:
 - The application has not satisfied the Fast-track Approval Act 2024, s.7 relating to Treaty settlements and recognised customary rights. The application is void of any evidence that Treaty settlements and recognised customary rights have been adequately considered.
 - It does not meet the Referral Criteria in s.22(1)(a) of the Act because it is not a development of significant regional or national benefit. It has presented misleading economic and research data, creating a perception that it is a development of significant regional benefit.
 - It does not meet the s.22(2)(v) requirement to support the Primary Industries, including aquaculture, and
 - It is yet to appropriately satisfy s.8, 12 and 17 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

We seek that you **decline the application for Fast-track Approval** to enable the proposal to proceed through the standard resource consenting process. This will allow our views to be adequately considered.

Should you decide to progress the proposal to Stage 2 of the Fast-track Approvals process, we request to be able to participate in that stage 2 also.

Signed:

Dated: 10 May 2025

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