



08 April 2024

**For the attention of:** The Fast Track Advisory Group

Tēnā koutou,

**RE: Application for Fast-track approval process**

I am writing to you as the Chair of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae regarding the proposed Westland Mineral Sands Co. (WMSC) Nine Mile South mineral sands project. We understand that WMSC intend to submit an application for the Nine Mile South project to be listed in Schedule 2A of the Fast-track Approvals Bill.

WMSC have engaged with Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae regarding their proposal which is to undertake a mineral sand mining operation at Nine Mile South, Cape Foulwind. This is to be an extension of their existing (consented and operational) Nine Mile mine. As mana whenua, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae supports both the Nine Mile South project and its inclusion in the fast-track process.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae look forward to engaging with WMSC on an ongoing basis and to their subsequent involvement in the potential Nine Mile South fast-track consent application.

If you have any queries regarding this letter, please contact me on the contact details below.

Nāku noa

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