

Kia ora, Kā Rūnaka,

This letter is to update you on recent developments at Gibbston Valley Station (GVS) and to seek your feedback on future development opportunities that GVS is considering pursuing.

GVS is in the process of preparing an application to be submitted to the Government under the recently announced Fast Track Approvals Bill. As part of this application, it is proposing the establishment of approximately 900 to 1,000 residential households within the existing GVS development land, with the vision of creating a vibrant and sustainable village community. This community will include a range of affordable and family living, a commercial hub and community uses (including a potential school), green spaces, revegetation areas, walkways and cycle trails. The project overall is intended to respond to an urgent need for increased housing supply in the Tāhuna area.

Central to this vision is the utmost respect for wāhi tūpuna and the preservation of the mauri of these areas. GVS acknowledges the significance of ensuring that our project protects Mana whenua values and manages potential threats within these areas. GVS is committed to working closely with Kā Rūnaka to ensure this project reflects Mana whenua values. Your guidance and support in navigating these cultural considerations are invaluable as GVS strives to create a community that respects and preserves the cultural heritage of Gibbston Valley.

As we progress with this application for a fast-track project, GVS will seek to uphold the principles and objectives within its memorandum of understanding with Kā Rūnaka and we welcome any feedback on the proposal. I am more than willing to discuss further details and address any questions or concerns you may have.

Given the time-sensitive nature of the legislative process, we are required to put forward our project to the Government by the 3rd of May 2024. That being said, we welcome any feedback from Kā Rūnaka before then, and will continue to work with you and keep you regularly informed, in the spirit of the MoU principles.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require any additional information or clarification. Please also see the area map attached for reference.

Ngā mihi,



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