



Hon Mark Mitchell
MP for Whangaparaoa

27 February 2023

To Whom it may concern,

RE: Proposed Auckland Surf Park

I write in support of Aventura's application for fast-track consent under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 for the Auckland Surf Park Community development.

I was heartened by the approach and vision Aventura and its New Zealand partners, who include Sir John Kirwan. Sir John is heavily involved personally and sees this project as a future shining light for creating improved individual, community mental health and wellbeing through innovative recreational developments.

This will be a unique facility for the community, a gathering point for families, youth, and the older generation to enjoy each other, physical exercise, and the benefits of nature.

There is a strong emphasis on providing access to the local community including a commitment to free access "green spaces", outdoor recreation attractions and a farm-to-table enterprise. All of which I feel are important for families in fast-growing neighboring suburbs such as Milldale, Silverdale and Orewa.

As patron of the Orewa Surf Lifesaving Club and as an active surfer in my youth, I was pleased to learn both Surf Lifesaving New Zealand and Surfing New Zealand have written letters of support for the project and there is a strong commitment to water safety education and drowning prevention programs.

While the project has an emphasis on the surf park element, I also see the integration of the Data Centre and Solar Farm as being key sustainability initiatives which will highlight New Zealand's innovation and represent a world first.

From a tourism perspective the project will become a huge attraction. The proposed site is just kilometers from the successful "Snow Planet" skiing facility and the advent of the surf park will only heighten the area's appeal as a safe "adventure" precinct.

I also note the significant employment opportunities this park will bring to the local community in construction and operations once complete.

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I am happy to support the advancement of the Auckland Surf Park Community development. I want to highlight the fact as discussed with the developers, that thorough consultation with local residents needs to take place so any concerns can be addressed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Mitchell'.

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