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Dear Laura Neale

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Port of Tauranga Stella Passage Wharves and Dredging Project – Request for further information

Thank you for your client's application, received on 8 November 2020, to refer the Port of Tauranga Stella Passage Wharves and Dredging Project to an expert consenting panel for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA).

On behalf of myself and the Minister of Conservation, I am writing to request the following further information under section 22 of the FTCA:

1. Information of the potential adverse effects the project will have on marine mammals and the significant shorebird roosting areas south of Sulphur Point.
2. Details of actions taken to address past non-compliance issues, and actions taken to ensure consents are complied with in the future.
3. Details of how Cultural Impact Assessments will be provided in a timely manner if the project is referred. You have stated that referring this project will encourage iwi and hapū to provide Cultural Impact Assessments you have been waiting on. What is the basis for this thinking?

Please provide the required information via return email within 10 working days so that we can take it into account when deciding whether to refer the project.

Yours sincerely

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment