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Tēnā koe,

After being introduced to Parliament on 7 March 2024, the Fast-Track Approvals Bill (Bill) is now being considered by the Environment Select Committee.

I'm getting in touch as I understand that you were invited to, or had a high level of interest in, nominating projects for inclusion as a 'listed projects' in the Bill. These 'listed projects' will be included in Schedules 2A and 2B of the Bill once the Select Committee process has concluded.

The Government has now established a process to identify listed projects for inclusion in the Bill. This will involve a group of independent experts - the Fast-Track Projects Advisory Group (the Advisory Group) who will be assessing and making recommendations to Ministers on which projects to include in the Bill.

You can nominate a project for listing by submitting it to the Advisory Group for consideration via the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) website (<https://environment.govt.nz/acts-and-regulations/acts/fast-track-approvals-bill/fast-track-approvals-process>). You will need to identify which schedule you would like the project to be on and provide supporting information.

The Advisory Group will then undertake an assessment of the projects against the referral criteria in the Bill. It will be supported by a group of officials from the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment and MfE.

The Advisory Group will then make its recommendations to Ministers who will make decisions on what projects to include in the Bill. These projects will be added to the Bill either through the Select Committee process or later in the Parliamentary process.

The application portal on the MfE website will be live from 3 April to 3 May 2024.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Chris Bishop'.

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