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Dear Wiremu, Riden, Alex, Mareko, Loto, Maka, Thomas, Melvin and Eduardo,

I wanted to get in touch to say thank you on behalf of the DHB.

The COVID construction works you have carried out in such a short period of time has been incredible. You have come in under very challenging conditions and worked alongside our team to make this project as seamless and efficient as possible.

We acknowledge that this has not come without personal sacrifice from each of you and we would like to extend our appreciation to your families, friends and the others in your bubble. I'm sure they have missed you at home especially with the additional challenges that come with being at alert level 4.

The work you have been a part of has helped us better respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and ultimately will allow us to continue to keep our patients, staff, whānau and community safe. We want you to know how much we appreciate the effort you have put in and the works you continue to deliver.

Please accept our gratitude and thanks for working so tirelessly in our response to COVID-19. You are a valued member of our DHB team and we look forward to the continue success of this Rapid Works team.

Yours sincerely,

Ailsa Claire, OBE

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