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Dear Joanne Moorar

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 - Notice of Decision (Section 25)
- Clutha Upper Waitaki Lines Project (CUWLP) – Project Works and Workers' Village –
Transpower New Zealand Limited**

Thank you for Transpower New Zealand Ltd's application to refer the Clutha Upper Waitaki Lines Project (CUWLP) – Project Works and Workers' Village Project to an expert consenting panel for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

The application is to upgrade and increase the capacity of existing 220kV electricity transmission lines through the Otago-Southland region and the Waitaki Valley and establish a village to accommodate workers for the duration of the project.

Following consideration of Transpower's application under sections 18 and 19 of the Act, and after considering a report on Treaty of Waitangi obligations, comments received from relevant local authorities, Ministers and Ngāi Tahu representatives and further information provided by Transpower, I have made a decision, under section 24(2) of the Act, to accept Transpower's application for referral.

As required by the Act, I am providing a copy of this decision to the persons, entities and groups specified in section 25(2).

Please contact officials at the Ministry for the Environment (fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz) if you have any questions or wish to discuss this decision.

Yours sincerely

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

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