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Dear Stephanie and Jess

**COVID-19 RECOVERY (FAST-TRACK CONSENTING) ACT 2020 – THE HILL,  
ELLERSLIE – FURTHER INFORMATION IN RELATION TO STORMWATER**

1. The Minister is currently considering the referral application by Auckland Thoroughbred Racing Inc and Fletcher Residential Limited ("Applicants") for The Hill, Ellerslie under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 process. The purpose of this letter is to update the Minister on further work undertaken in relation to stormwater servicing.
2. As outlined in the referral application, the Applicants have been in ongoing discussions with various parties including Auckland Council and Healthy Waters in relation to the project. This has included ongoing discussions with Healthy Waters in relation to the various options available to manage stormwater from the development. The Applicants were surprised to hear that Healthy Waters expressed concerns with the project (via Auckland Council's feedback on the referral application) in relation to stormwater servicing.
3. The Applicants have engaged Woods (its specialist stormwater team) to undertake assessments of the stormwater servicing options. These options have informed the development of the master plan that is being pursued through the referral application and have been assessed further since then as the design is advanced.
4. To assist the Minister's consideration of the referral application we have attached a memorandum from Woods, which outlines the recent further analysis and modelling that have been carried out. That memorandum is clear that:
  - (a) Stormwater modelling has been undertaken in collaboration with Healthy Waters to ensure that any stormwater concerns and issues are addressed. Most recently, an updated stormwater model was submitted to Healthy Waters on 20 December 2021 to confirm that outstanding concerns and issues are resolved. The Applicants, through Woods, met with Healthy

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Waters on 22 December 2021 and closed out the residual concerns raised by Healthy Waters.

- (b) There are solutions available for addressing stormwater matters to support The Hill development. The Applicants are committed to working collaboratively with Healthy Waters on these solutions (which were also acknowledged by the Healthy Waters team in a meeting on 10 December 2021). These solutions will be further developed through the detailed design and future resource consent application.
  - (c) There are no significant impediments with respect to stormwater matters. The Applicants are confident an agreed solution with Healthy Waters can be reached early next year, prior to any resource consent application being lodged.
5. We are happy to provide any further information as required by the Minister, or to provide further detail on the above matters if that would assist the Minister in his referral decision.

Yours faithfully  
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