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Infrastructure; Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti; Housing; Education; Arts, Culture, and Heritage; Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations; Local Government; Land Information; Defence; Transport; Conservation; and Climate Change

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Dear Ministers

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral applications – Kepa Road Apartments Project and Glenpanel, Ladies Mile – Te Pūtahi Project

I have received two applications to refer projects to an expert consenting panel (panel) for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA). This letter is sent to you pursuant to section 21(2) of the FTCA.

The purpose of the FTCA is to urgently promote employment to support New Zealand's recovery from the economic and social impacts of COVID-19 and to support certainty of investment while continuing to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

The projects are described in Appendix A, and links to the application documents (provided as Attachments 1 and 2 are in the covering email.

I invite you to provide written comments on the referral applications. If I accept the applications and the projects are referred, the applicants will be able to lodge applications with the Environmental Protection Authority for the approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) for the projects, and panels will be appointed to consider and decide them. The applicants must provide more detailed environmental assessment and cultural impact assessments as part of their RMA applications. You will have an opportunity at that stage to provide comments to the panels.

Please provide your comments via return email within 10 working days if you wish me to take them into consideration when deciding whether or not to accept the referral application.

Yours sincerely

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Appendix:

A. Description of proposed projects

Attachments:

1. Application to refer Kepa Road Apartments Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)
2. Application to refer Glenpanel, Ladies Mile – Te Pūtahi Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)

Attachment A - Proposed projects

Project	Applicant	Details
Kepa Road Apartments	Sanctum Projects Limited	The project is to redevelop three suburban sections at the corner of Kepa Road and Kurahaupo Street in Ōrākei, Auckland, by removing existing vegetation and buildings, and constructing a residential development consisting of two apartment buildings that will provide 45 residential units, associated driveways, infrastructure and landscaped areas. The new buildings will be 6 storeys (approximately 17 metres high) and 7 storeys (approximately 21 metres high) with two basement levels that will span between the buildings and provide approximately 60 car parks. The project will involve activities such as demolishing existing buildings and infrastructure, trimming and removing vegetation (including trees on roads), carrying out earthworks (including disturbing potentially contaminated soil), constructing residential buildings, taking, diverting and discharging groundwater to land, discharging stormwater containing contaminants to land, constructing vehicle access and basement parking areas, constructing infrastructure for three waters services, carrying out a subdivision, and landscaping including planting.
Glenpanel, Ladies Mile – Te Pūtahi	Maryhill Limited	The project is to subdivide a 95.9 hectare site and construct a comprehensive urban development that is predominantly residential, includes commercial buildings and supporting infrastructure including roads and public open space, a temporary park and ride facility, and may additionally include a school with childcare centre or church, or retirement village extension to the adjacent Queenstown Country Club. If the school proceeds there will a difference in yield of approximately 118 less units The project involves activities such as subdivision, removing vegetation, carrying out earthworks (including disturbing potentially contaminated soil), taking, diverting and discharging groundwater and stormwater containing contaminants to land, construction of residential and commercial buildings and associated infrastructure, landscaping including planting, operation of a retirement village and other commercial activities and (potentially) a school and childcare centre.