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Hon Phil Twyford Associate Minister for the Environment Parliament Buildings WELLINGTON

Dear Hon Phil Twyford

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Glenpanel, Ladies Mile – Te Pūtahi Project

Maryhill Limited has re-applied to refer the Glenpanel, Ladies Mile – Te Pūtahi Project (project) 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 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 project is described in Appendix A and a link to the application documents (provided as Attachment 1 is in the covering email.

I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. If I accept the application and the project is referred to a panel, the applicant will be able to apply via the Environmental Protection Authority for the approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991(RMA). A more detailed environmental assessment and cultural impact assessment(s) will be required as part of this process. You will have an opportunity to provide comments to the panel established to consider and decide these RMA approvals.

Please provide your comments via return email within 10 working days if you wish me to take them into consideration when making my decision on whether or not to accept the referral application.
Yours sincerely
Hon David Parker Minister for the Environment
Appendix:

Attachments:

A. Description of proposed project

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

Appendix A - Proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
Glenpanel, Ladies Mile – Te Pūtahi Project	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 be 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.