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Dear Ministers

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Alabaster Residential Development Project**

Craig and Nicole Alabaster have applied to refer the Alabaster Residential Development 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 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 project is described in Appendix A and the application documents are in Attachment 1.

I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. If I accept the application and the project is 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 project, and a panel will be appointed to consider and decide them. The applicants must provide a more detailed environmental assessment and cultural impact assessment(s) as part of their RMA applications. You will have an opportunity at that stage to provide comments to the panel.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Parker', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**

Appendix:

- A. Description of proposed project

Attachments:

1. Application to refer Alabaster Residential Development Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)
2. Template for response

## Appendix A - Proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
Alabaster Residential Development Project	Craig and Nicole Alabaster	<p>The project is to subdivide land at Cedar Drive and Camellia Avenue, Aramoho, Whanganui to enable residential development. The project will create approximately 176 allotments for residential purposes and 17 allotments for access, public open space and other uses, and will include new roads, footpaths and three-waters infrastructure.</p> <p>The project will involve activities such as clearing vegetation, carrying out earthworks, discharging stormwater and contaminants to land, constructing residential units, constructing infrastructure including roads, vehicle and pedestrian access and three waters services, landscaping and planting.</p>

