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Craig and Nicole Alabaster  
c/- Anna Carter  
Senior Resource Management Consultant  
Land Matters Ltd  
s 9(2)(a)

Dear Anna Carter

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Notice of Decision (Section 25)  
– Alabaster Residential Development Project**

Thank you for Craig and Nicole Alabaster's application under section 20 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA) seeking referral of the Alabaster Residential Development Project (project) to an expert consenting panel (panel) for consideration under the FTCA.

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.

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 the certainty of ongoing investment across New Zealand, while continuing to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

I can only refer a project to a panel for consideration under the FTCA if it meets the referral criteria in section 18 of the FTCA, which includes me being satisfied the project will help achieve the FTCA's purpose. I can also decline to refer a project for any reason, under s 23(2) of the FTCA.

I have decided the project may not meet the referral criteria in section 18(2) of the FTCA and that it would be more appropriate for the project to go through standard consenting processes under the Resource Management Act 1991.

These matters notwithstanding, and irrespective of the merits of the project, I also consider there is insufficient time for the project to be referred and considered before the FTCA is repealed.

Accordingly, I have decided to decline your application for referral under sections 23(1), 23(2), 23(5)(b) and 23(5)(g) of the FTCA.

The FTCA requires that:

1. I provide a copy of this decision to the persons, entities and groups specified in section 25(1) of the FTCA
2. My decision, the reasons for my decision and the Section 17 Report will be published on the Ministry for the Environment's website in accordance with section 25(3) of the FTCA.

Please contact the Fast-track Consenting Team at the Ministry for the Environment ([fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz)) if you have any questions or wish to discuss this decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'David Parker', with a large loop at the end.

Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**

cc Ministers of/for:

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

Local authorities:

Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council  
Whanganui District Council