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Ara Weiti Development Limited
c/- John Duthie
Director
Tattico Limited
s 9(2)(a)

Dear John Duthie

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Notice of Decision (Section 25)
– Ara Weiti Village 1 Project**

Thank you for Ara Weiti Development Limited's application under section 20 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA) seeking referral of the Ara Weiti Village 1 Project (project) to an expert consenting panel (panel) for consideration under the FTCA.

The project is to subdivide approximately 33.5 hectares of land at Ara Weiti Road, Okura Bush, Auckland to enable construction of an urban development. The project will create 220 residential lots, one 4-hectare balance lot (intended for a retirement village), one lot intended for future commercial use, and will include the construction and operation of a community centre/whare manaaki). The project will include construction of roads and three-waters infrastructure, stream works and ecological restoration, and creation of open space and reserves.

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 considered whether the project meets the referral criteria in section 18 of the FTCA, but irrespective of this I have decided to decline your application for referral under section 23(2) of the FTCA for the following reasons:

1. I am advised that the proposal includes prohibited activities as described in Section 18(3) of the Covid-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020, and accordingly I must not refer it to a panel
2. It would be more appropriate for the project to go through a standard process under the Resource Management Act 1991.

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) if you have any questions or wish to discuss this decision.

Yours sincerely



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 authority:

Auckland Council

Other parties:

Auckland Transport
Watercare Services Limited
Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency
North Shore Airport Limited