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Ministers of/for:

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

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Dear Ministers

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Auckland Surf Park Community Project**

AW Holdings 2021 Limited has applied to refer the Auckland Surf Park Community 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 applicant 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 applicant 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 'David Parker', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**

Appendix:

- A. Description of proposed project

Attachment:

1. Application to refer Auckland Surf Park Community Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)

## Attachment A - Proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
Auckland Surf Park Community Project	AW Holdings 2021 Limited	<p>The project is to construct and operate a surf park at 1350 Dairy Flat Highway, Silverdale, Auckland including operational buildings, 40 visitor accommodation units, a 20-unit wellness retreat, a restaurant, data centre and 7-hectare solar farm to provide power to the surf park. The project will include construction of infrastructure for three-waters services, roading, site access and parking, landscaping and planting, and revegetating a stream corridor.</p> <p>The project involves activities such as clearing vegetation, carrying out earthworks, discharging stormwater and contaminants to land, discharging wastewater to land, taking, diverting and discharging groundwater, constructing buildings, installing a solar farm, a surf pool and associated infrastructure and structures, landscaping and planting.</p>