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Dear Ministers

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on application for referral

This letter is sent to you pursuant to section 21(2) of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA).

The aim 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, and meet Treaty of Waitangi obligations.

The proposed project is described in the enclosed schedule, and a copy of the application is electronically attached.

I invite you to provide written comments on the proposed project under section 21(2) of the FTCA. I note that if this project is referred to an expert consenting panel for determination, the applicant will then be required to lodge a more detailed application including an environmental assessment and cultural impact assessment with the Environmental Protection Authority. You will have a further opportunity at that stage to provide comments on the application to an expert consenting panel.

Please provide your comments via return email within 10 working days if you wish me to take them into consideration when making a decision on whether to refer the application to an expert consenting panel.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker', is positioned below the 'Yours sincerely' text.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Enclosures:

- A. Schedule of proposed project
- B. Application to refer Beachlands Project to an expert consenting panel including supporting information

Released under the provision of
the Official Information Act 1982

Appendix A - Schedule of proposed project

| Project | Applicant | Details |
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| Beachlands Project - 109 Beachlands Road, Beachlands, Auckland. | Neil Construction Limited and Fletcher Residential Limited. | <p>The project is for subdivision and land development to create up to 259 residential lots, a number of public roads, jointly owned access lots, pedestrian accessways, and recreation and drainage reserves, and includes construction of residential dwellings on 235 of the lots.</p> <p>The Project involves the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• earthworks• vegetation removal near urban streams• street tree removal• activities in overland flowpaths and floodplains• discharge of stormwater runoff• diversion of water• reclamation of part of the beds of three streams• subdivision infrastructure construction• dwelling construction• potential disturbance of contaminated land. <p>The Project requires consents under the Auckland Unitary Plan, Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020, and Resource Management (National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health) Regulations 2011.</p> |