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Ministers of/for:

Infrastructure; Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti; Housing; Education; Arts, Culture, and Heritage; Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations; Local Government; Land Information; Defence; Transport; Conservation; Associate Minister for the Environment (Urban Policy); and Climate Change

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Dear Ministers

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on application for referral – Browns Bay Road Apartments**

I have received an application to refer a project to an expert consenting panel (a 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 aim 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 certainty of investment while continuing to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources, and meet Treaty of Waitangi obligations.

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

I invite you under section 21(2) of the FTCA to provide written comments on the referral application. I note that if this Project is referred to a panel, the applicant will be able to lodge applications with the Environmental Protection Authority for the approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991. A more detailed environmental assessment and cultural impact assessments will be required as part of these 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 making a decision on whether or not to accept the application and refer the Project to a panel.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker', is positioned above the typed name.

Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**

Enclosures:

- A. Schedule of proposed project
- B. Application to refer Browns Bay Road Apartments 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
Browns Bay Road Apartments	Matvin Group Limited	<p>The project is to demolish two existing dwellings and establish a residential development and associated facilities at 201 and 203 Browns Bay Road, Auckland, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>four blocks up to 6 storeys (17 metres) high comprising approximately 51 one and two bedroom residential units</li><li>semi basement and deck parking</li><li>outdoor courtyard space and gardens</li><li>associated infrastructure including vehicle access modifications.</li></ol> <p>The project involves activities such as: demolition of existing dwellings, vegetation removal, earthworks (including bulk earthworks and disturbance of contaminated land), groundwater takes, diversion and dewatering, discharges of stormwater and contaminants to land, construction of four blocks of residential units and associated facilities, construction of associated infrastructure including parking areas, accessways, outdoor areas and three waters services, landscaping (including planting), and subdivision of land (including unit title subdivision).</p>