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Ministers of/for:

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

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Dear Ministers

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

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

The aim of the Act is to urgently promote employment to support Aotearoa'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.

I have recently received two applications for referral under the Act. The proposed projects are described in the enclosed schedule, and copies of the applications are electronically attached.

I invite you to provide written comments on the proposed projects under section 21(2) of the Act. I note that if these projects are 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 applications to the 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 applications to an expert consenting 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 projects
- B. Application to refer Dominion Road Mixed Use Development project to an expert consenting panel
- C. Application to refer Ohinewai Foam Factory project to an expert consenting panel
- D. Written comment template

Released under the provision of
the Official Information Act 1982

Appendix A - Schedule of proposed projects

Project	Applicant	Details
Dominion Road Mixed Use Development, Auckland	Silk Road Management Limited	<p>This project is for a mixed-use development comprising;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the demolition of a character building;• development of a supermarket and other retail tenancies;• development of 117 residential units; and• associated car parking, earthworks and subdivision.
Ohinewai Foam Factory, Ohinewai	Ambury Properties Limited	<p>This project is for the construction and operation of a foam factory and associated rail siding and road realignment in Ohinewai, Waikato.</p> <p>This project is part of a wider development proposed by the applicant that will further expand the factory and provide housing to employees and wider Ohinewai residents. The wider development is currently being heard in a Plan Change Hearing on the Waikato Proposed District Plan Review.</p>