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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; Climate Change; and Associate Minister for the Environment (urban policy)

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Dear Ministers

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – East Coast Heights – Silverdale Project

Build Rich Limited and Nation Shine Holdings Limited have applied to refer the East Coast Heights – Silverdale 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 applicants 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 applicants must provide a more detailed environmental assessment and cultural impact assessment 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', is positioned above the printed name.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Appendix:

- A. Description of proposed project

Attachment:

1. Application to refer East Coast Heights – Silverdale Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)

Attachment A - Proposed project

Project	Applicants	Details
East Coast Heights – Silverdale Project	Build Rich Limited and Nation Shine Holdings Limited	The project is to subdivide a 10.6-hectare site located at 1 Silverwater Drive and 2150 East Coast Road, Silverdale, Auckland and construct approximately 303 residential units (26 of which may be constructed by third parties) and supporting infrastructure including roads, accessways and three-waters services. The project includes the restoration and planting of a natural wetland on the site and will involve earthworks extending onto small areas of the adjacent properties at 17, 39 and 53 Small Road, Silverdale. The project comprises the third and fourth stages of a residential development being undertaken by the applicants between East Coast Road and State Highway 1 at Silverdale. Stages one and two lying immediately to the north of the project site are currently under construction.