

BRF-1823

14 July 2022

Jim Stabback
Chief Executive Officer
Auckland Council
Email: s 9(2)(a)

Dear Jim Stabback

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

The Minister for the Environment (Minister) has received an application from Build Rich Limited and Nation Shine Holdings Limited 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).

The project is described in Appendix A and the application documents are in Attachment 1.

Under delegated authority from the Minister and pursuant to section 21(2) of the FTCA, I invite Auckland Council to provide written comments on the referral application. A template is provided for this purpose in Attachment 2.

The above information is provided to you in confidence and as part of the statutory process set out in the FTCA. Please do not forward the application or request for comments to anyone outside your organisation.

Comment is sought on the specific matters outlined in the table below, and on any other matter you consider relevant to the Minister's decision on whether or not to accept the application.

Specific questions on the application
1. Are there any reasons that you consider it more appropriate for the project, or part of the project, to continue to proceed through existing Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) consenting processes rather than the processes in the FTCA?
2. What reports and assessments would normally be required by the Council for a project of this nature in this area?
3. Does the applicant, or a company owned by the applicant, have any environmental regulatory compliance history in your region?

If the Minister accepts the application and the project is referred to a panel, Auckland Council will have the opportunity to nominate a local authority representative (who could be a councillor or independent hearings commissioner) to sit on the panel and determine the RMA approvals for the project. The applicants will provide a detailed assessment of environmental effects and cultural impact assessments at this stage and the Council will have the opportunity to provide further comments to the panel.

Please provide comments via return email within 10 working days to ensure that the Minister takes them into consideration when making his decision. Note that the Minister is not required to consider any comments provided after this time.

If it is more efficient for you to discuss the application, please contact the Ministry for the Environment's Fast-track Consenting Team at fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely



Stephanie Frame
Manager, Fast-track Consenting Team

Appendix:

A. Details of proposed project

Attachments:

1. Application to refer the East Coast Heights – Silverdale Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link)
2. Response template for written comments

cc: Ian Smallburn, General Manager Resource Consents
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Appendix A – Details of 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.