

BRF-1823

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Shane Ellison
Chief Executive
Auckland Transport
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Dear Shane Ellison

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 (a panel) for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA).

The purpose 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.

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

Auckland Transport may have an interest in the project because of the potential for adverse effects on the local road network. Under delegated authority from the Minister and pursuant to section 21(3) of the FTCA, I invite Auckland Transport's 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.

If the Minister accepts the application and the project is referred to a panel the applicants will be able to lodge applications with the Environmental Protection Authority for the approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991. The applicants must provide a detailed assessment of environmental effects and cultural impact assessment(s) as part of this process.

Please provide comments via return email within 10 working days to ensure that the Minister takes them into consideration when deciding whether or not to accept the referral application. Note that the Minister is not required to consider any comments provided after this time.

If you would like more information about the fast-track consenting process, or 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

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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 in covering email)
2. Response template for written comments

cc: Matthew Richards, Manager Development Planning
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Appendix 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.