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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 Stage 5–Silverdale Project**

Build Rich Limited have applied to refer the East Coast Heights Stage 5–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 applicant 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 applicant 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', with a stylized, cursive script.

Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**

Appendix:

A. Description of proposed project

Attachment:

1. Application to refer East Coast Heights Stage 5–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 Stage 5–Silverdale Project	Build Rich Limited	<p>The project is to subdivide a 1.55-hectare site located in Silverdale, Auckland, and construct approximately 62 residential units and supporting infrastructure including a road, accessways and three-waters services. The project site is contained within Lot 2 of an approved subdivision consent at 2 Goldwater Drive, Silverdale, however new titles are yet to be issued.</p> <p>The project comprises the fifth stage of a residential and commercial development being undertaken by the applicant between East Coast Road and State Highway 1 at Silverdale. Stages one and two lying immediately to the south of the project site are currently under construction, and stages three and four located further to the south are the subject of a separate referral application that you have previously been invited to comment on (2022-088 East Coast Heights–Silverdale Project).</p>