

BRF-1922

3 August 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 Stage 5–Silverdale Project**

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

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. 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 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 city?
4. Are there any conditions of any related resource consents, particularly BUN60337961 (LUC60337692 and SUB60336990), that you consider may impact on or delay delivery of the project?

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, 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 applicant 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](mailto:fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz) to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely



Madeleine Berry  
**Acting Manager, Fast-track Consenting Team**

Appendix:

A. Details of proposed project

Attachments:

1. Application to refer the East Coast Heights Stage 5–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	Applicant	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>