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Nicole Rosie  
Chief Executive Officer  
Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency  
Email: s 9(2)(a)

Dear Nicole Rosie

**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 (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.

Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency may have an interest in the project because of the site proximity to Penlink Road. Under delegated authority from the Minister and pursuant to section 21(3) of the FTCA, I invite Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency's 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. What is the timeframe for the commencement of construction and completion of Penlink?


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 applicant will be able to lodge applications with the Environmental Protection Authority for the approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991. The applicant 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](mailto:fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz) to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely



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**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 in covering email)
2. Response template for written comments

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## Appendix A - 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>