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Ministers of/for:

Arts, Culture, and Heritage, Māori Crown Relations—Te Arawhiti, Transport, Urban Development, Housing, Education, Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations, Local Government, Defence, Infrastructure, Climate Change, Conservation and Land Information

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Dear Ministers

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on application for referral

This letter is sent to you pursuant to section 21(2) of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

The aim of the Act is to urgently promote employment to support Aotearoa'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, and meet Treaty of Waitangi obligations.

The proposed project is described in the enclosed schedule, and a copy of the application is electronically attached.

I invite you to provide written comments on the proposed project under section 21(2) of the Act. I note that if this project is referred to an expert consenting panel for determination, the applicant will then be required to lodge a more detailed application including an environmental assessment and cultural impact assessment with the Environmental Protection Authority. You will have a further opportunity at that stage to provide comments on the application to the expert consenting panel.

Please provide your comments via return email within 10 working days if you wish me to take them into consideration when making a decision on whether to refer the application to an expert consenting panel.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker', is positioned above the typed name.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Enclosure:

- A. Schedule of proposed project
- B. Application to refer Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project – Infrastructure Works to an expert consenting panel including supporting information.

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the Official Information Act 1982

Appendix A - Schedule of proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
<p>Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project – Infrastructure Works</p>	<p>Kāinga Ora and Porirua City Council</p>	<p>This project will upgrade three waters infrastructure (water, wastewater and stormwater) to support the Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project (EPRP). The EPRP will replace 2,000 existing state homes with approximately 2,300 new state homes and 1,500 affordable homes in eastern Porirua.</p> <p>The project consists of the following three components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The construction of an additional water reservoir adjacent to the existing reservoir in Whitby. The purpose of this is to ensure there is sufficient water supply capacity to deal with current and future demand. • The replacement of a wastewater main in Bothamley Park to address existing performance issues and ensure there is sufficient capacity to deal with future demand. • The construction of a wetland in Cannons Creek Park to mitigate current and future flood risks and treat stormwater prior to discharge.

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