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COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project - Infrastructure Works – Comments sought

In the week commencing 14 September 2020, the Minister for the Environment received an application to refer the above project to an expert consenting panel for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

The project is described as follows, and a copy of the application is attached:

Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project – Infrastructure Works

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.

The project consists of the following three components:

- 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. We understand this watermain replacement will occur close to or within State Highway 1's corridor.
- The construction of a wetland in Cannons Creek Park to mitigate current and future flood risks and treat stormwater prior to discharge.

You have been identified as an agency that may have an interest in this project as works may affect State Highway 1. Under delegated authority from the Minister for the Environment, I invite you to provide written comments on the proposed project pursuant to section 21(2) of the Act (a template is attached for this purpose). If it is more efficient to discuss this application, officials from the Fast-track Consenting Team will be available for a discussion with you. Please contact us at fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz.

Also note that if the Minister for the Environment decides to refer the project to a panel, applicants will provide a detailed assessment of environmental effects at this next stage.

Please provide your comments via return email no later than 10 working days so that the Minister for the Environment can take your comments into consideration when I decide on the application.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosures:

- A. Application to refer Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project to an expert consenting panel including supporting information.
- B. Response template for written comments.

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