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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; and Climate Change

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Dear Ministers

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on following applications for referral – Holmes Block Development and Skellerup Block Development

I have received two applications to refer the Holmes Block Development and Skellerup Block Development projects to an expert consenting panel (a panel) for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA). Both projects are located at Dunns Crossing Road, Rolleston, Canterbury. This letter is sent to you pursuant to section 21(2) of the FTCA.

The aim 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, and meet Treaty of Waitangi obligations.

The proposed projects are described in the enclosed schedule, and a copy of the applications are electronically attached.

I invite you under section 21(2) of the FTCA to provide written comments on the referral applications. I also seek your comments on the matter outlined in the table below.

Specific question on both applications

- Please advise if you have any specific comments about the proposed development density (12 households per hectare) for these projects. Please include your reasons for any comments.

I note that if the projects are 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 for these projects. A more detailed environmental assessment and cultural impact assessment will be required as part of the applications. You will have an opportunity at that stage to provide comments to the panel(s).

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 or not to accept the applications and refer the projects to a panel.

Yours sincerely



Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Enclosures:

- A. Schedule of proposed projects
- B. Application to refer Holmes Block Development to an expert consenting panel including supporting information
- C. Application to refer Skellerup Block Development to an expert consenting panel including supporting information

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Appendix A - Schedule of proposed projects

Project	Applicant	Details
Holmes Block Development	Rolleston West Residential Limited	<p>The project involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subdivision of an 87.5 hectare site to create approximately 709 lots • subdivision of 20 large lots (to subdivide at a later stage for comprehensive development of 343 residential units) • construction of approximately 1,052 residential units • construction of a local centre. <p>The project will consist of the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subdivision of land • earthworks (including bulk earthworks) • discharges associated with the earthworks • landscaping (including plantings) • construction of three water services, roading, walkways and other transport infrastructure • construction of residential units and a local centre.
Skellerup Block Development	Rolleston West Residential Limited	<p>The project involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subdivision of a 73 hectare site to create approximately 571 lots • subdivision of 21 large lots (to subdivide at a later stage for comprehensive development of 390 residential units) • construction of approximately 961 residential units • construction of a local centre. <p>The project will consist of the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subdivision of land • earthworks (including bulk earthworks) • discharges associated with the earthworks • landscaping (including plantings) • construction of three water services, roading, walkways and other transport infrastructure • construction of residential units and a local centre.

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