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Dear Ministers

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Jamaica Rise Project**

Grenada North Nominees Limited has applied to refer the Jamaica Rise Project (project)] to an expert consenting panel (panel) for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA). This letter is sent to you pursuant to section 21(2) of the FTCA.

The purpose 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.

The project is described in Appendix A, and the application documents are in Attachment 1.

I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. If I accept the application and the project is referred, the applicant will be able to lodge applications with the Environmental Protection Authority for the approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) for the project, and a panel will be appointed to consider and decide them. The applicant must provide a more detailed environmental assessment and cultural impact assessment(s) as part of their RMA applications. You will have an opportunity at that stage to provide comments to the panel.

Please provide your comments via return email within 10 working days if you wish me to take them into consideration when deciding whether or not to accept the referral application.

Yours sincerely



Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**

Appendix:

- A. Description of proposed project

Attachment:

1. Application to refer Jamaica Rise Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)

## Appendix A - Proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
Jamaica Rise	Grenada North Nominees Limited	<p>The project is to subdivide approximately 23.1 hectares of land at 133, 143, 148, 155, 158, 161, 169, 171, 174, 175, 176, 178, 179, 182, 186, 198 Jamaica Drive, Grenada North, Wellington (Jamaica Drive site), and construct a residential development comprising of approximately 213 residential units, including approximately 52 units within eight apartment buildings that are each 3 storeys high.</p> <p>The project includes the construction of supporting infrastructure, including roads and reserves intended to vest with Wellington City Council, accessways and three-waters services. The project will also include associated works within the Takapu Road and State Highway 1 road reserves to upgrade the intersection, new stormwater infrastructure and a recreation area at 2 Takapu Road, Grenada North (Grenada North Reserve) and a new water reservoir, on the same site as the existing reservoir, at 38 Caribbean Drive, Grenada North (Caribbean Avenue Reserve). The Grenada North and Caribbean Avenue Reserves are owned by Wellington City Council (WCC).</p> <p>The project will require subdivision and land use consents under the operative Wellington City District Plan (WCDP) and land use consent and a discharge permit under the Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region.</p>

