

BRF-2759

8 March 2023

Nicole Rosie  
Chief Executive Officer  
Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency  
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Dear Nicole Rosie

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

The Minister for the Environment (Minister) has received an application from Grenada North Nominees Limited to refer the Jamaica Rise 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 potential adverse effects on the state highway network. 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.

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.

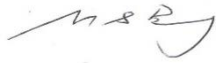
If the Minister accepts the application and the project is referred to a panel, the applicant will be able to lodge applications with the Environmental Protection Authority for the approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991. The applicant must provide a detailed assessment of environmental 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



Madeleine Berry  
**Acting Manager, Fast-track Consenting Team**

Appendix:

A. Details of proposed project

Attachments:

1. Application to refer the Jamaica Rise Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)
2. Response template for written comments

cc: Waka Kotahi, FTC application/comments information  
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## 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.</p> <p>The project will require subdivision and land use consents under the operative Wellington City District Plan and land use consent and a discharge permit under the Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region.</p>