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Dear Ministers

## **COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Jervois Quay Project**

MFC Development Limited Partnership has applied to refer the Jervois Quay 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 a link to the application documents is in the covering email.

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 effects 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Parker', written in a cursive style.

Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**

Appendix:

A. Description of proposed project

Attachments:

1. Application to refer Jervois Quay Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link)

## Appendix A - Proposed project

<b>Name</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Details</b>
Jervois Quay Project	MFC Development Limited Partnership	<p>The project is to construct an eight-storey mixed-use building up to 39 metres high, which will provide for educational and cultural activities, and retail and commercial (offices) tenancies. The building will include a plant room on the roof of the eighth storey, and a laneway providing for through-site pedestrian access. The project also involves demolition of an overbridge across Wakefield Street.</p> <p>The project involves activities such as the removal or demolition of an existing building and structures, construction of a new building and associated infrastructure, earthworks (including disturbing contaminated soils), take, diversion and discharge of groundwater, discharge of stormwater and contaminants to land, and landscaping.</p>