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22 September 2022

MFC Development Limited Partnership c/- Willis Bond  
c/- Alistair Aburn  
Resource Consent Consultant  
Urban Perspectives Ltd  
s 9(2)(a)

Dear Alistair Aburn

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Notice of Decisions (Section 25) – Jervis Quay Project**

Thank you for MFC Development Limited Partnership's application under section 20 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA) seeking referral of the Jervis Quay Project (project) to an expert consenting panel (panel) for consideration under the FTCA.

The project is to demolish an overbridge across Wakefield Street and redevelop a site located at the corner of Jervis Quay and Wakefield Street, Wellington by:

- a. removing a temporary building used by Royal New Zealand Ballet
- b. demolishing other existing infrastructure
- c. constructing and operating an eight-storey mixed-use building up to 39 metres high (including a plant room on the roof), for educational and cultural activities, and retail and commercial tenancies
- d. providing open spaces, including a pedestrian link from Cuba Street to the waterfront and an internal pedestrian cross-site link through the building
- e. constructing or installing infrastructure or structures associated with the project
- f. establishing a loading zone within the Wakefield Street road reserve.

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 the certainty of ongoing investment across New Zealand, while continuing to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

I can only refer a project to a panel for consideration under the FTCA if it meets the referral criteria in section 18 of the FTCA, which includes me being satisfied the project will help achieve the FTCA's purpose. I can also decline to refer a project for any reason, under s 23(2) of the FTCA. This is not a criticism or endorsement of a project.

I have considered whether the project meets the referral criteria in section 18 of the FTCA. Irrespective of this, I have decided to decline your application for referral under section 23(2) of the FTCA as I consider it is more appropriate for the project to go through standard consenting processes under the Resource Management Act 1991 (section 23(5)(b) of the FTCA).

The FTCA requires that:

1. I provide a copy of this decision to the persons, entities and groups specified in section 25(1) of the FTCA
2. My decision, the reasons for my decision and the Section 17 Report will be published on the Ministry for the Environment's website in accordance with section 25(3) of the FTCA.

Please contact the Fast-track Consenting Team at the Ministry for the Environment (fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz) if you have any questions or wish to discuss this decision.

Yours sincerely



Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**

cc Relevant Ministers of/for portfolios specified in section 21(6)(a)–(m) of the FTCA:

Infrastructure; Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti; Housing; Education; Arts, Culture, and Heritage; Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations; Local Government; Conservation; Land Information; Defence; Transport; and Climate Change

Local authority:  
Greater Wellington Regional Council  
Wellington City Council

Other parties:  
Auckland Transport  
Watercare Services Limited