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Dear Ministers

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral applications – Maraekakaho Quarry Project, Brookby Quarry Stage 3 Project and Kings Quarry Project**

I have received three applications to refer projects 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 projects are described in Appendix A, and the application documents are in Attachments 1 to 3.

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

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 applications.

Yours sincerely



Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**

Appendix:

A. Description of proposed projects

Attachment:

1. Application to refer Maraekakaho Quarry Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)
2. Application to refer Brookby Quarry Stage 3 Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)
3. Application to refer Kings Quarry Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)

## Appendix A - Proposed project

Projects	Applicants	Details
Maraekakaho Quarry Project	R W and M C Gale Family Trust	<p>The project is to establish and operate a quarry on approximately 29.2 hectares of land at State Highway 50, Maraekakaho, Hawkes Bay. The project will include extraction of up to 6.42 million cubic metres of gravel aggregate over a period of up to 20 years, stockpiling processed aggregate on site, construction of infrastructure, including upgrading an existing vehicle access off State Highway 50, and structures associated with quarry operations and site remediation upon completion. The processing of the gravel aggregate will be undertaken on an adjacent site immediately to the north of the project site under existing consents granted by held by Russel Roads Limited.</p> <p>The project involves activities such as removing vegetation, extracting and stockpiling gravel aggregate, taking, diverting and discharging groundwater and discharging to land and water, diverting the surface water of the Ngaruroro River during flood events, discharging stormwater and contaminants to land and water, undertaking earthworks, undertaking remediation including creating artificial lakes and landscaping and planting, constructing roads and vehicle accessways, constructing or installing infrastructure or structures, storing hazardous materials.</p>
Brookby Quarry Stage 3 Project	Brookby Quarries Limited	<p>The project is to expand the existing Brookby Quarry operation over approximately 52 hectares at 134 Kimptons Road and 271 &amp; 275 Ara Kotinga Road, Brookby, Auckland. The project will include the extraction of approximately 110 million tonnes of aggregate over a period of 60 years, stockpiling and processing aggregate on site, constructing infrastructure and structures associated with quarry operations, reclaiming permanent and intermittent watercourses and undertaking ecological enhancement.</p> <p>The project will involve activities such as clearing vegetation, removing and stockpiling aggregate, taking, diverting and discharging groundwater to land, discharging stormwater to land, discharging dust to air, reclaiming streams, constructing and installing infrastructure and structures, restoring and enhancing watercourses.</p>
Kings Quarry Project	Kings Quarry Limited	<p>The project is to expand the existing Kings Quarry operation at Pebble Brook Road, Wainui, Auckland approximately 10 kilometres west of State Highway 1. The project will include the extraction of approximately 500,000 tonnes of aggregate per year</p>

		<p>for a period of 60 years, stockpiling and processing aggregate on site, constructing infrastructure including a new access from Pebble Brook Road, upgrading the Pebble Brook Road/Waitoki Road intersection, and constructing structures associated with quarry operations.</p> <p>The project will involve activities such as clearing vegetation, removing and stockpiling aggregate, taking, diverting and discharging groundwater to land, discharging stormwater to land, reclaiming streams, constructing and installing infrastructure including vehicle access.</p>
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