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7 October 2020

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Ryman Healthcare Limited

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Dear s 9(2)(a)

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 - Notice of Decision (Section 25)
– Kohimarama Comprehensive Care Retirement Village**

Thank you for your application to refer Kohimarama Comprehensive Care Retirement Village to an expert consenting panel for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

The application is to construct and operate a retirement village and associated activities including independent living apartments and hospital and specialist care facilities.

I have considered: the application, a report on Treaty of Waitangi obligations, comments received from relevant local authorities and Ministers, and further information provided by the applicant.

Having considered this information, and the requirements of sections 18 and 19 of the Act, I have made a decision, under section 24(2) of the Act to **accept** your application for referral. I have made this decision because the project meets the referral criteria in section 18 of the Act and I consider the project will help to achieve the Act's purpose as:

1. You have advised that the project will provide specialist and local employment opportunities with up to 400 jobs over a duration of 36-48 months for the construction period, followed by 172 operational jobs once constructed.
2. The project contributes to public benefit by providing additional housing supply for aged persons and aged care facilities.
3. Any adverse effects arising from the application and mitigation measures could be tested through the expert consenting panel having regard to Part 2 of the Resource Management Act and the purpose of the Act.

I have also decided to direct the expert consenting panel to invite comments under section 24(2)(e) of the Act from Auckland District Health Board [and the affected parties identified in Auckland Council's notification decision of 10 September 2020]. This will allow those parties the opportunity to have input into the application. I note that some of these parties are in addition to those specified in Schedule 6, clause 17 for whom the panel must invite comments from. I also note that in accordance with Schedule 6, clause 28(3) of the Act, you are required to withdraw the application you have lodged with Auckland Council prior to lodging an application with the Environmental Protection Authority.

As required by the Act, I am providing a copy of this decision to the persons, entities and groups specified in section 25(2).

Please contact officials 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 Ministers of/for:

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