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Dear Ministers

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on application for referral – Kōpū Marine Precinct

This letter is sent to you pursuant to section 21(2) of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA).

The aim 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 and meet Treaty of Waitangi obligations.

The proposed project is described in the enclosed schedule, and a copy of the application is electronically attached.

On behalf of myself and the Minister of Conservation, I invite you to provide written comments on the proposed project under section 21(2) of the FTCA. We note that if this project is referred to an expert consenting panel for determination, the applicant will then be required to lodge a more detailed application including an environmental assessment and cultural impact assessment with the Environmental Protection Authority. You will have a further opportunity at that stage to provide comments on the application to the expert consenting panel.

Please provide your comments via return email within 10 working days if you would like us to take them into consideration when making a decision on whether to refer the application to an expert consenting panel.

Yours sincerely



Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Enclosures:

- A. Schedule of proposed project
- B. Application to refer Kōpū Marine Precinct Project to an expert consenting panel including supporting information

Released under the provision of
the Official Information Act 1982

Appendix A - Schedule of proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
Kōpū Marine Precinct	Thames-Coromandel District Council	<p>The project is for the construction of the Kōpū Marine Precinct comprising an upgraded commercial slipway, a new wharf and pontoon, a new recreational boat ramp, and the creation of an unsealed recreational car park area and the forming of an unsealed road. The project location is an unformed portion of Quay Street, adjacent to the Waihou River and King Street road reserve and is partly located in the Coastal Marine Area (CMA).</p> <p>The project involves disturbance of contaminated soil, removal of indigenous and exotic vegetation in the CMA, structures in the CMA, vehicle access associated with construction, disturbance of and deposition on the foreshore and seabed, works on land within a high-risk erosion area, deposition and works within a modified water course, earthworks and vehicle generation from the use of the recreational activities and commercial slipways.</p>