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Hon Ginny Anderson
Minister for Seniors
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Dear Hon Ginny Anderson

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Lincoln Retirement Village Project

I have received an application from Arvida Group Limited to refer the Lincoln Retirement Village 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 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 the application documents are in Attachment 1.

I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. If I accept the application and the project is referred to a panel the applicant will be able to apply via the Environmental Protection Authority for the approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991(RMA). A more detailed environmental assessment and cultural impact assessments will be required as part of this process. You will have an opportunity to provide comments to the panel established to consider and decide these RMA approvals.

Please provide your comments via return email within 10 working days if you wish me to take them into consideration when making my decision on whether or not to accept the referral application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Parker', with a large loop at the end.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Appendix:

A. Description of proposed project

Attachments:

1. Application to refer Lincoln Retirement Village Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)

Appendix A - Proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
Lincoln Retirement Village Project	Arvida Group Limited	The project is to construct and operate a retirement village on an approximately 11.4-hectare site located at 1506 Springs Road, Lincoln, Canterbury. The retirement village will include approximately 200 independent-living residential units, a two-storey care home building that accommodates approximately 60 assisted-living suites, and associated facilities, including a clubhouse and pavilion for resident activities. The project also includes works within Springs Road road reserve to upgrade the site access, development of outdoor recreation areas, landscaping, car parking areas, and any necessary upgrades to three-waters infrastructure.

