

BRF-228

12 July 2021

Shane Ellison
Chief Executive
Auckland Transport
Email: s 9(2)(a)

Dear Shane Ellison

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Melia Place, Whangaparāoa –
Comments sought**

In the week commencing Monday 14 June 2021, Melia Development Limited applied to the Minister for the Environment (the Minister) to refer the Melia Place, Whangaparāoa project (the Project) to an expert consenting panel (a panel) for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA).

The Project is described below, and a link to all application documents is provided in the covering email.

The Project is to subdivide a 1.825 hectare site and construct up to 59 residential units, a multi-use community building and supporting infrastructure including road networks, and public open space at 20 Melia Place and 43A Vipond Road, Stanmore Bay, Whangaparāoa.

The Project involves activities such as: demolition of existing buildings, subdivision of land, vegetation clearance in riparian areas, earthworks including vegetation clearance, disturbance of potentially contaminated soils, discharges of stormwater and contaminants to water, construction of retaining walls, construction of residential buildings, construction of community building, structures in a flood plain, structures in an overland flow path, construction of roading and transport infrastructure, construction of three waters infrastructure and development of open space including landscaping and planting.

The applicant is seeking land use and subdivision consents and discharge permits under the Auckland Unitary Plan (Operative in Part) 2016 and may require land use consent under the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soils to Protect Human Health) 2011, to be determined for the Project through the fast-track process.

You have been identified as an agency that may have an interest in the project because the applicant may require your approval for various activities related to the delivery of the Project.

On behalf of the Minister and pursuant to section 21(3) of the FTCA, I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. A template is attached for this purpose.

Please provide your comments via return email within 10 working days to ensure that the Minister will take your comments into consideration when deciding on the referral application. Note that the Minister is not required to consider any comments provided after this time.

If the Minister decides to refer the project to a panel, the applicant will provide a detailed assessment of environmental effects with any resource consent applications that they lodge with the panel.

If you would like more information about the fast-track consenting process, or to discuss this application, please contact the Ministry for the Environment's Fast-track Consenting team at fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz to arrange an appointment.

This information is provided to you in confidence and as part of the statutory process set out in the FTCA. Please do not forward the application or the request for comments to anyone outside your organisation.

Yours sincerely



Stephanie Frame
Manager, Fast-Track Consenting Team

Enclosures:

- A. Response template for written comments

Cc: Tessa Craig, Principal Planner
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