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Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall  
Minister for Seniors  
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WELLINGTON

Dear Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall

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

Metlifecare Retirement Villages Limited has applied to refer the Metlifecare Retirement Village – Karori 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 assessment(s) 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

Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**

Appendix:

A. Description of proposed project

Attachments:

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

## Appendix A - Proposed project

<b>Project</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Details</b>
Metlifecare Retirement Village – Karori Project	Metlifecare Retirement Villages Limited	<p>The project is to redevelop an existing retirement village on a 1.2 hectare site to construct and operate a new retirement village at 29 Messines Road, Karori, Wellington, consisting of approximately 80 residential units and 55 care suites in 4 buildings of 3 and 4 storeys in height.</p> <p>The project will include communal amenity spaces, parking (including basement parking), connections to infrastructure, landscaping and planting.</p> <p>The project involves activities such as building demolition, vegetation clearance, carrying out earthworks, constructing buildings, structures and infrastructure, discharging stormwater and contaminants to land, installing signage, landscaping and planting.</p>