

BRF-2679

7 February 2023

Colin Crampton  
Chief Executive  
Wellington Water Limited  
s 9(2)(a)

Dear Colin Crampton

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

The Minister for the Environment (Minister) has received an application from Metlifecare Retirement Villages Limited to refer the Metlifecare Retirement Village - Karori Project (project) to an expert consenting panel (a panel) for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (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.

Wellington Water may have an interest in the project because it may have impacts on the local three waters network. Under delegated authority from the Minister and pursuant to section 21(3) of the FTCA, I invite Wellington Water's written comments on the referral application. A template is provided for this purpose in Attachment 2.

The above 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 request for comments to anyone outside your organisation.

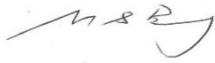
If the Minister accepts the application and the project are referred to a panel, the applicant will be able to lodge applications with the Environmental Protection Authority for the approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991. The applicant must provide a detailed assessment of environmental effects and cultural impact assessment(s) as part of this process.

Please provide comments via return email within 10 working days to ensure that the Minister takes them into consideration when deciding whether or not to accept the referral

application. Note that the Minister is not required to consider any comments provided after this time.

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

Yours sincerely



Madeleine Berry  
**Acting Manager, Fast-track Consenting Team**

Appendix:

A. Details of proposed project

Attachments:

1. Application to refer the Metlifecare Retirement Village - Karori Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)
2. Response template for written comments

cc: Paul Gardiner, Principal Advisor – RMA and Environment,  
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## Appendix A - Proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
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. 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>