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BRF-3156

Caland Holdings Limited
c/- Ann Nicholas
Planner - Consultant
Sigma Consultants Limited
s 9(2)(a)

Dear Ann Nicholas

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Notice of Decision (Section 25)
– Milbrow Estate Project**

Thank you for Caland Holdings Limited's application under section 20 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA) seeking referral of the Milbrow Estate Project (project) to an expert consenting panel (panel) for consideration under the FTCA.

The project is to subdivide an approximately 83-hectare site at 66 and 70 McFetridge Drive and 89 Tauranga Direct Rd, Hamurana, Bay of Plenty to create 91 rural residential lots, and 4 balance lots of approximately 16 hectares in total for native forest planting (to claim for carbon credits). The project includes enabling construction of residential units by third parties, construction of public roads, pedestrian and cycle accessways and three-waters infrastructure, and landscaping including planting. The project will also include associated works to upgrade the intersection of Jackson Road and State Highway 16 (SH16).

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 the certainty of ongoing investment across New Zealand, while continuing to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

I can only refer a project to a panel for consideration under the FTCA if it meets the referral criteria in section 18 of the FTCA, which includes me being satisfied the project will help achieve the FTCA's purpose. I can also decline to refer a project for any reason, under s 23(2) of the FTCA.

I have considered whether the project meets the referral criteria in section 18 of the FTCA, but irrespective of this I have decided to decline your application for referral under sections 23(2) and 23(5)(b) of the FTCA for the following reasons:

1. I cannot be satisfied that the project will help to achieve the purpose of the FTCA and therefore it does not meet the referral criteria in section 18 of the FTCA.
2. It would be more appropriate for the project to go through standard consenting processes under the Resource Management Act 1991.

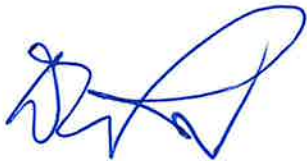
Declining, or approving, to refer a project to a Fast-track panel is neither a criticism nor endorsement of the project.

The FTCA requires that:

1. I provide a copy of this decision to the persons, entities and groups specified in section 25(1) of the FTCA
2. My decision, the reasons for my decision and the Section 17 Report will be published on the Ministry for the Environment's website in accordance with section 25(3) of the FTCA.

Please contact the Fast-track Consenting Team at the Ministry for the Environment (fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz) if you have any questions or wish to discuss this decision.

Yours sincerely



Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

cc Ministers of/for:

Arts, Culture, and Heritage; Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti; Housing; Infrastructure; Education; Transport; Land Information; Defence; Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations; Local Government; Conservation; Climate Change; and Agriculture

Local authorities:

Bay of Plenty Regional Council
Rotorua Lakes Council

Other parties:

Transpower New Zealand Limited
Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency