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Ministers of/for:

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

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Dear Ministers

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on applications for referral**

This letter is sent to you pursuant to section 21(2) of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

The aim of the Act is to urgently promote employment to support Aotearoa'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, and meet Treaty of Waitangi obligations.

The proposed projects are described in the enclosed schedule, and a copy of the applications is electronically attached.

I invite you to provide written comments on the proposed projects under section 21(2) of the Act. I note that if these projects are referred to an expert consenting panel for determination, the applicant will then be required to lodge a more detailed application including an environmental assessment and cultural impact assessment with the Environmental Protection Authority. You will have a further opportunity at that stage to provide comments on the applications to the expert consenting panel.

Please provide your comments via return email within 10 working days if you wish me to take them into consideration when making a decision on whether to refer the applications to an expert consenting panel.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker'.

Hon David Parker  
Minister for the Environment

Enclosed:

- A. Schedule of proposed projects
- B. Application to refer Molesworth Street Office Development to an expert consenting panel including supporting information
- C. Application to refer Karori Comprehensive Care Retirement Village to an expert consenting panel including supporting information
- D. Application to refer Kohimarama Comprehensive Care Retirement Village to an expert consenting panel including supporting information
- E. Application to refer Park Terrace Comprehensive Care Retirement Village to an expert consenting panel including supporting information

Released under the provision of  
the Official Information Act 1982

## Appendix A - Schedule of proposed projects

Project	Applicant	Details
Molesworth Street Office Development	Primeproperty Group Limited	<p>Construct a 12-storey office building over four years.</p> <p>Construct a basement car park for 50 cars.</p> <p>Construct an entry plaza, retail/café space, a lobby, loading bays, end of trip facilities and office space in the ground floor.</p>
Karori Comprehensive Care Retirement Village	Ryman Healthcare	<p>Construct and operate a retirement village, providing for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 128 care beds (including hospital care and specialist dementia care); and</li><li>• 180 independent apartments.</li></ul>
Kohimarama Comprehensive Care Retirement Village	Ryman Healthcare	<p>Construct and operate a retirement village, providing for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 173 care beds (including hospital care and specialist dementia care); and</li><li>• 123 independent apartments.</li></ul>
Park Terrace Comprehensive Care Retirement Village	Ryman Healthcare	<p>Construct and operate a retirement village, providing for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 124 care beds (including hospital care and specialist dementia care); and</li><li>• 165 independent apartments.</li></ul>