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Dear Ministers

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral applications – Summerset Rotorua Project and 33 Main Highway Project

I have received 2 applications to refer projects 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 urgently 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 projects are described in Appendix A, and the application documents are in Attachments 1 to 2.

I invite you to provide written comments on the referral applications. If I accept the applications and the projects are referred, the applicants will be able to lodge applications with the Environmental Protection Authority for the approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) for the projects, and panels will be appointed to consider and decide them. The applicants must provide more detailed environmental assessment and cultural impact assessments as part of their RMA applications. You will have an opportunity at that stage to provide comments to the panels.

Please provide your comments via return email within 10 working days if you wish me to take them into consideration when deciding whether or not to accept the referral application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Parker', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Appendix:

A. Description of proposed projects

Attachments:

1. Application to refer Summerset Rotorua Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)
2. Application to refer 33 Main Highway Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)

Appendix A - Proposed projects

Project	Applicants	Details
Summerset Rotorua	Summerset Villages (Rotorua) Limited	The Summerset Rotorua Project is to construct and operate a retirement village and a separate commercial hub on an approximately 14.2 hectare site located at 171-193 Fairy Springs Road, Fairy Springs, Rotorua. The retirement village provides approximately 280 independent living units, 100 units comprising assisted living suites, memory care suites and beds, and resident indoor and outdoor facilities. The commercial building provides for activities such as medical facilities, childcare, café, and convenience retail. The project includes separate parking areas for the retirement village and commercial hub, landscaping, stormwater management and temporary activities for staged construction.
33 Main Highway	Wakefield Group Holdings Ltd	The 33 Main Highway Project is to develop an approximately 4.6 hectare site located at 33 Main Highway, Ōtaki to subdivide land and construct approximately 143 residential units (stand-a-lone and semi-detached), and supporting infrastructure including roads, vehicle and pedestrian and cycle accessways, car-parking areas and three-waters services.

