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Dear Ministers

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral applications –Whenuapai Business Park Extension Project and Ngongotahā Housing Development Project

I have received two 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 and 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 assessment(s) 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 'David 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 Whenuapai Business Park Extension Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)
2. Application to refer Ngongotahā Housing Development Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)

Appendix A - Proposed projects

Project	Applicants	Details
Whenuapai Business Park Extension Project	Neil Construction Limited	<p>The project is located on two separate sites in Whenuapai, Auckland. The first site is located at 151 and 155-157 Brigham Creek Road (Brigham Creek Rd site) and the second site is located at 71 and 73 Trig Road (Trig Rd site).</p> <p>On the Brigham Creek Rd site, the project is to construct two industrial buildings and associated site development including yard, access, parking and manoeuvring areas. The works at 151 Brigham Creek Road are limited to the formation of vehicle access.</p> <p>On the Trig Rd site, the project is to subdivide land to create three lots for industrial development and includes the construction of supporting infrastructure, including a road intended to vest with Auckland Council, and three-waters services. The project will include upgrade works such as road widening, bus stops and a cycleway and footpath within the Trig Road road reserve. The applicant intends to apply for land use consent for light industrial activities on the three lots, however construction will be undertaken by third parties.</p>
Ngongotahā Housing Development Project	Watchman Residential Limited	<p>The project is to subdivide an approximately 15.9-hectare site located at 31 Ngongotaha Road (State Highway 36), Ngongotahā, Rotorua and construct approximately 196 residential units and supporting infrastructure including roads and reserves intended to vest with Rotorua Lakes Council, accessways, car-parking areas and three-waters services. The project will include construction of a new intersection with State Highway 36, landscaping and planting of open spaces and the creation of a series of wetlands for flood mitigation on a large balance lot.</p>