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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 copies of the applications are electronically attached.

I invite you to provide written comments on the proposed projects under section 21(2) of the Act. I note that if one or more of the projects are referred to an expert consenting panel for determination, the applicants 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

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Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Enclosed:

- A. Schedule of proposed projects
- B. Application one to refer Northbrook Arrowtown Retirement Village project to an expert consenting panel including supporting information and application two to refer Northbrook Wanaka Retirement Village project to an expert consenting panel including supporting information (applications submitted together). *Please note, the supporting application also refers to a proposed project in Cromwell – The River Terrace Masterplanned Residential Community. I am not seeking comments on this application.*
- C. Application three to refer Tucker Beach to Arthur's Point to Arrowtown Cycle Trail Wakatipu Basin project to an expert consenting panel including supporting information
- D. Application four to refer 'The Vines' Affordable Subdivision project to an expert consenting panel including supporting information
- E. s 9(2)(k), s 9(2)(b)(ii)

Appendix A - Schedule of proposed projects

Project	Applicant	Details
Northbrook Arrowtown Retirement Village, Ayr Avenue, Arrowtown	Winton Property Limited	Construct and operate a 162-unit retirement village and 36-bed private hospital, with associated facilities (café/community centre, recreation facilities, medical centre and childcare centre).
Northbrook Wanaka Retirement Village, Outlet Road, Wanaka	Winton Property Limited	Construct and operate a 92-unit retirement village and private hospital, associated facilities (park, walking and cycling facilities, cafes, gym, pool and community centre).
Tucker Beach to Arthur's Point to Arrowtown Cycle Trail Wakatipu Basin	Queenstown Trails Trust	Construct and operate an 18km cycle trail connecting Tucker Beach, Arrowtown and Arthur's Point. The trail includes an 80m long suspension bridge across the Shotover River and use of an existing heritage tunnel (not currently accessible to the public).
'The Vines' Affordable Subdivision Tasman	Jason and Angela Mudgway	Create 48 residential allotments, as well as additional allotments for roads, a recreation reserve and a walkway reserve. The project includes land use consent for dwellings and associated servicing infrastructure but does not include the actual construction of houses or building consents. Houses will be constructed by the people that buy the allotments.
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