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Kellie Roland
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Dear Kellie Roland

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 - Notice of Decision (Section 25) – Northbrook Arrowtown Retirement Village

Thank you for your application to refer Northbrook Arrowtown Retirement Village to an expert consenting panel for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

The application is to construct and operate a retirement village and private hospital, with associated facilities (café/community centre, recreation facilities, medical centre and childcare centre).

Under sections 18 and 19 of the Act I have now considered: the application, a report on Treaty of Waitangi obligations, comments received from relevant local authorities and Ministers, and further information provided by the applicant.

I have made a decision, under section 23 of the Act, to **decline** your application for referral because the project does not meet the purpose of the Act as:

1. the project has the potential to have significant adverse environmental effects that cannot be adequately avoided, remedied, or mitigated; and
2. a rezoning proposal for the site is currently going through the Environment Court. While this is a live matter before the Court, I do not consider it appropriate to be referred to an Expert Consenting Panel.

As required by the Act, my decision, reasons for my decision and the section 17 report will be published on the Ministry for the Environment's website under section 25(3).

Please contact officials 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; Conservation; Climate Change; Defence; Education; Housing; Infrastructure; Land Information; Local Government; Māori Crown Relations — Te Arawhiti; Transport; Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations; Urban Development; and Seniors.

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