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Dear Ministers

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral applications – Stevensons Crescent Project and Peachgrove Mixed-use Precinct 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 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



Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**

Appendix:

A. Description of proposed projects

Attachments:

1. Application to refer Stevensons Crescent Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)
2. Application to refer Peachgrove Mixed-use Precinct Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)
3. Template for response

## Appendix A - Proposed projects

Project	Applicants	Details
Stevensons Crescent Project	Mansion Rear Limited	<p>The Stevensons Crescent Project is to subdivide land and construct a mixed-use development on an approximately 2.5-hectare site at 8 Stevensons Crescent, Albany, Auckland.</p> <p>The project includes construction of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. approximately 138 residential units, of which approximately 112 will be configured in three-storey terraced houses with the remainder accommodated in three-storey apartment buildings</li> <li>b. a commercial component which may take the form of retail or office spaces on the ground or lower floors of the apartment buildings</li> <li>c. supporting infrastructure including roads, vehicle and pedestrian and cycle accessways, car-parking areas and three-waters services.</li> </ul>
Peachgrove Mixed-use Precinct	Hamilton Campground Limited	<p>The Peachgrove Mixed-use Precinct Project is to subdivide land and construct a mixed-use development on an approximately 2.8-hectare site located on land fronting Peachgrove Road, Ruakura Road and Emmadale Lane, and within the road reserve (Ruakura Road and Peachgrove Road) in Hamilton East.</p> <p>The project includes construction of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. up to 170 residential units in a variety of typologies, including apartments and terraced houses up to 4 storeys high</li> <li>b. a commercial hotel up to 5 storeys high</li> <li>c. two commercial units comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. a recreational gym facility</li> <li>ii. a dairy</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. associated facilities and supporting infrastructure including including roads, vehicle and pedestrian accessways, car-parking areas and three-waters services.</li> <li>e. landscaping and ancillary works.</li> </ul>