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Dear Ministers

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral applications – Plimmerton Farm Stage One Project, Millard Avenue Residential Development Project and Lincoln Retirement Village Project

I have received three 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 3.

I invite you to provide written comments on the referral applications. If I accept the application and the project is 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 a 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, cursive script.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Appendix:

A. Description of proposed projects

Attachments:

1. Application to refer Plimmerton Farm Stage One Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)
2. Application to refer Millard Residential Avenue Development Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)
3. Application to refer Lincoln Retirement Village Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)

Attachment A - Proposed projects

Project	Applicant	Details
Plimmerton Farm Stage One Project	KM and MG Holdings Limited	The project is to subdivide approximately 383-hectares of land located at 18 State Highway 59, Plimmerton, Porirua, and construct a residential development comprising of approximately 1044 residential units in a range of typologies, including approximately 305 units in approximately 35 apartment buildings up to 4 storeys high, and terraced, duplex and detached houses. Approximately 209 of the residential units will be constructed by third parties. The project will also create six super lots and a balance lot, and includes developing land for open space, reclamation of streams and natural inland wetlands, and ecological restoration. The project includes works within the James Street road reserve to upgrade site access and within the State Highway 59 road reserve to form a new pedestrian/cycle crossing, and the construction of supporting infrastructure, including roads and reserves intended to vest with Porirua City Council (PCC), accessways and three-waters services.
Millard Avenue Residential Development Project	DMST Internationals Limited	The project is to subdivide approximately 7.3-hectares of land located at 42 and 64 Millard Avenue, Masterton and construct approximately 120 residential units and supporting infrastructure including roads and reserves intended to vest with Masterton District Council (MDC), accessways and three-waters services.
Lincoln Retirement Village Project	Arvida Group Limited	The project is to construct and operate a retirement village on an approximately 11.4-hectare site located at 1506 Springs Road, Lincoln, Canterbury. The retirement village will include approximately 200 independent-living residential units, a two-storey care home building that accommodates approximately 60 assisted-living suites, and associated facilities, including a clubhouse and pavilion for resident activities. The project also includes works within Springs Road road reserve to upgrade the site access, development of outdoor recreation areas, landscaping, car parking areas, and any necessary upgrades to three-waters infrastructure.