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Don Elers  
Gas & People Manager  
Powerco Limited  
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Dear Don Elers

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Plimmerton Farm Stage One Project**

The Minister for the Environment (Minister) has received an application from KM and MG Holdings Limited to refer the Plimmerton Farm Stage One Project (project) to an expert consenting panel (a panel) for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA).

The purpose of the FTCA is to 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 project is described in Appendix A and the application documents are in Attachment 1.

Powerco Limited may have an interest in the project because we understand an existing gas line and an easement to supply gas, in favor of The Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board, extends across the project site. Under delegated authority from the Minister and pursuant to section 21(3) of the FTCA, I invite Powerco Limited's written comments on the referral application. A template is provided for this purpose in Attachment 2.

The above information is provided to you in confidence and as part of the statutory process set out in the FTCA. Please do not forward the application or request for comments to anyone outside your organisation.

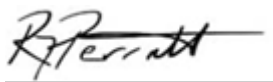
If the Minister accepts the application and the project is referred to a panel, the applicant will be able to lodge applications with the Environmental Protection Authority for the approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991. The applicant must provide a detailed assessment of environmental effects and cultural impact assessment(s) as part of this process.

Please provide comments via return email within 10 working days to ensure that the Minister takes them into consideration when deciding whether or not to accept the referral

application. Note that the Minister is not required to consider any comments provided after this time.

If you would like more information about the fast-track consenting process, or to discuss the application, please contact the Ministry for the Environment's Fast-track Consenting Team at [fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz) to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely

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Rebecca Perrett  
**Acting Manager, Fast-track Consenting Team**

Appendix:

A. Details of proposed project

Attachments:

1. Application to refer the Plimmerton Farm Stage One Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)
2. Response template for written comments

## Appendix A - Proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
Plimmerton Farm Stage One	KM and MG Holdings Limited	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>