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Dear Ministers

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on application for referral – Rangitane Maritime Development**

Far North District Council and Far North Holdings Limited have applied to refer the Rangitane Maritime Development project (the Project) to an expert consenting panel (a 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 aim 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 and meet Treaty of Waitangi obligations.

The Project is described in the enclosed schedule, and a copy of the application is electronically attached. As the Project includes parts of the Coastal Marine Area, the Acting Minister of Conservation and I will jointly decide on the referral application.

On behalf of myself and the Acting Minister of Conservation, I invite you to provide written comments on the proposed Project under section 21(2) of the FTCA. We note that if this Project is referred to a panel for determination, the applicants will be able to lodge applications with the Environmental Protection Authority for the approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991 for the Project. A more detailed environmental assessment and cultural impact assessment will be required as part of these applications. You will have an opportunity at that stage to provide comments to the panel.

Please provide your comments via return email within 10 working days if you would like us to take them into consideration when making a decision on whether or not to accept the application and refer the project to a panel.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker', is positioned above the typed name.

Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**

Enclosures:

- A. Schedule of proposed project
- B. Application to refer Rangitane Maritime Development project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information

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the Official Information Act 1982

## Appendix A - Schedule of proposed Project

Project	Applicants	Details
Rangitane Maritime Development	Far North District Council and Far North Holdings Limited	<p>The Project is located adjacent to Rangitane Loop Road, Kerikeri and within the Rangitane Loop Road legal road reserve.</p> <p>The Project is to construct a new public boat ramp facility via the reclamation of approximately 7,400 square metres of land within the coastal marine area (CMA). The new facility will upgrade existing access and capacity at the site for (primarily) recreational users, and will comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. a double width (approximately 8 metre) boat ramp and central floating pontoon</li> <li>b. a sealed parking area for approximately 16 trailers and 8 cars</li> <li>c. a dinghy storage area on the existing boat ramp</li> <li>d. public walkway, picnic facilities and landscaping.</li> </ul> <p>The Project will involve activities such as the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. vegetation clearance, including removal of mangroves in the CMA</li> <li>b. earthworks on land</li> <li>c. drainage and reclamation of parts of the foreshore and seabed</li> <li>d. excavation/dredging of the foreshore and seabed</li> <li>e. deposition of fill on the foreshore and seabed</li> <li>f. construction of structures in the CMA</li> <li>g. discharge of stormwater to the CMA</li> <li>h. construction of parking, walkway and picnic facilities, and landscaping.</li> </ul> <p>The Project will require land use consents and coastal permits under the Operative Far North District Plan, Operative Regional Coastal Plan for Northland and Proposed Regional Plan for Northland.</p>