

BRF-1071

26 January 2022

Jon Lamonte  
Chief Executive Officer  
Watercare Services Limited  
Email: s 9(2)(a)

Dear Jon Lamonte

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Sels Road, Papatoetoe**

The Minister for the Environment (the Minister) has received an application from Acanthus Limited to refer the Sels Road project to an expert consenting panel (a panel) for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA)

The project is described in Attachment A and a copy of the application documents is electronically attached.

Under delegated authority from the Minister and pursuant to section 21(2) of the FTCA, I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. A template is attached for this purpose. Comment is sought on the specific matters outlined in the table below, and on any other matter you consider relevant to the Minister's decision on whether or not to accept the application.

You may have an interest in the project because it may have effects on the local water network. Under delegated authority from the Minister and pursuant to section 21(3) of the FTCA, I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. A template is attached for this purpose.

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 are 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 your comments via return email within 10 working days to ensure that the Minister takes your comments 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



Stephanie Frame  
**Manager, Fast-track Consenting Team**

Enclosures:

A. Response template for written comments

cc: Shane Lawton, Head of Developer Services  
Watercare – s 9(2)(a)

Katja Huls, Development Programme Lead  
Watercare – s 9(2)(a)

**Attachment A – Details of proposed project**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Details</b>
Selfs Road	Acanthus Limited	<p>The project is to subdivide a 3.64-hectare site and construct approximately 115 residential units along with roads and three-waters services.</p> <p>The project will involve activities such as demolition of existing residential buildings, vegetation clearance, earthworks (including disturbing contaminated land), subdivision, constructing residential units, constructing roads and three-waters services, and landscaping.</p>