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Tēnā koe Boni Renata

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

The Minister for the Environment (the Minister) has received an application from Acanthus Limited to refer the Selfs Road 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 a link to all application documents is in the covering email.

Ngaati Whanaunga may have an interest in the project because it is proposed to occur on Ngā Kopua Kohuora/Crater Hill. 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.

Please note 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 for the Environment accepts the application and the project is referred to a panel there will be an opportunity for iwi authorities to nominate a representative to sit on the panel. At this stage, the applicant will provide a detailed assessment of environmental effects along with their applications for the consents and approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991 for the project, and iwi authorities along with certain other specified groups will have the opportunity to provide further comments to the panel.

Please provide your 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. Please 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 me or my team at [fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz) to arrange an appointment.

Nāku noa, nā



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

Appendix:

A. Proposed project

Attachment:

1. Response template for written comments

## Appendix A - Proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
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>