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Dear Ministers

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral applications – Milbrow Estate Project and Te Puru Business Park Project**

I have received two 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 and 2.

I invite you to provide written comments on the referral applications. If I accept the applications and the projects are 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 more detailed environmental assessments 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



Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**

Appendix:

A. Description of proposed projects

Attachments:

1. Application to refer Milbrow Estate Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)
2. Application to refer Te Puru Business Park Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)
3. Template for response

## Appendix A - Proposed projects

Projects	Applicants	Details
Milbrow Estate	Caland Holdings Limited	<p>The project is to subdivide an approximately 83-hectare site at 66 and 70 McFetridge Drive and 89 Tauranga Direct Rd, Hamurana, Bay of Plenty to create 91 rural residential lots, and 4 balance lots of approximately 16 hectares in total for native forest planting (to claim for carbon credits). The project includes enabling construction of residential units by third parties, construction of public roads, pedestrian and cycle accessways and three-waters infrastructure, and landscaping including planting. The project will also include associated works to upgrade the intersection of Jackson Road and State Highway 16 (SH16).</p> <p>The project involves activities such as demolishing or relocating buildings, carrying out earthworks (including disturbing contaminated soils), discharging stormwater onto land, constructing or installing infrastructure including roads, vehicle and pedestrian accessways, and infrastructure for three-waters services, landscaping and restoring wetlands.</p>
Te Puru Business Park	Knight Investments Ltd	<p>The project is to develop an approximately 12-hectare site at 867 and 885 Maraetai-Whitford Road, Whitford, Auckland for use as a light industrial business park. It includes constructing yards, buildings for light industrial purposes, a private road, access, parking, three-waters infrastructure including a wastewater treatment facility, and landscaping including planting. The project also includes associated works to construct a new roundabout on Whitford-Maraetai Road and upgrade of Maraetai-Whitford Road reserve.</p> <p>The project involves activities such as carrying out earthworks including filling the quarry pit, discharging stormwater onto land, diverting a stream, diverting and building over an overland flow path, constructing or installing infrastructure including roads, vehicle and pedestrian accessways, and infrastructure for three-waters services including a wastewater treatment plant, landscaping and restoring wetlands.</p>