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Infrastructure; Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti; Housing; Education; Arts, Culture, and Heritage; Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations; Local Government; Conservation; Land Information; Defence; Transport; and Climate Change;

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Dear Ministers

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – The Yard Project

Applicant has applied to refer the Yards Project (project) 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 project is described in Appendix A, and the application documents are in Attachment 1.

I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. If I accept the application and the project is referred, the applicant will be able to lodge applications with the Environmental Protection Authority for the approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) for the project, and a panel will be appointed to consider and decide them. The applicant must provide a more detailed environmental assessment and cultural impact assessment as part of their RMA 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 wish me to take them into consideration when deciding whether or not to accept the referral application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely'.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Appendix:

- A. Description of proposed project

Attachment:

1. Application to refer The Yards Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)

Attachment A - Proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
The Yards	The Cardrona Cattle Company Limited	<p>The project is to subdivide a 37.3-hectare site at 186 Victoria Flats Road, Gibbston, Otago, to create approximately 59 lots and to develop those lots for a range of rural industrial, industrial and service activities. The project will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. construction and operation of a storage facility involving approximately 338 storage units and associated facilitiesb. construction and operation of a resource recovery park including recycling centre, demolition yard and building materials recycling and resales yard, by parties other than the applicantc. construction of buildings with a ground floor area of up to 600 square metres per lot and a maximum height of 8 metres, on approximately 50 of the lots, and associated operation of rural industrial, industrial and service activities, by parties other than the applicantd. construction of supporting infrastructure including vehicle accessways, utility services and three-waters services.