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The Cardrona Cattle Company Limited
c/- James Gardner-Hopkins
Consultant
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Dear James Gardner-Hopkins

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Notice of Decision (Section 25)
– The Yards Project**

Thank you for The Cardrona Cattle Company Limited's application under section 20 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA) seeking referral of the Yards Project (project) to an expert consenting panel (panel) for consideration under the FTCA.

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:

- a. construction and operation of a storage facility involving approximately 338 storage units and associated facilities
- b. 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 applicant
- c. 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 applicant
- d. construction of supporting infrastructure including vehicle accessways, utility services and three-waters services.

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 the certainty of ongoing investment across New Zealand, while continuing to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

I can only refer a project to a panel for consideration under the FTCA if it meets the referral criteria in section 18 of the FTCA, which includes me being satisfied the project will help achieve the FTCA's purpose.

I have considered whether the project meets the referral criteria in section 18 of the FTCA, but irrespective of this I have decided to decline your application for referral under section 23(2) of the FTCA as I consider it is more appropriate for the project to go through standard consenting processes under the Resource Management Act 1991 (section 23(5)(b) of the FTCA).

The FTCA requires that:

1. I provide a copy of this decision to the persons, entities and groups specified in section 25(1) of the FTCA
2. My decision, the reasons for my decision and the Section 17 Report will be published on the Ministry for the Environment's website in accordance with section 25(3) of the FTCA.

Please contact the Fast-track Consenting Team at the Ministry for the Environment (fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz) if you have any questions or wish to discuss this decision.

Yours sincerely



Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

cc Ministers of/for:

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

Local authorities:

Queenstown Lakes District Council
Otago Regional Council

Other parties:

Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency
Transpower New Zealand Limited