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Tēnā koe Nicola Morand

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Clutha Upper Waitaki Lines Project (CUWLP) Project Works and Workers' Village – Comments sought

In the week commencing 3 August 2020, I received an application to refer the above project to an expert consenting panel for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

The project is described as follows, and a copy of the application is attached:

Clutha Upper Waitaki Lines Project (CUWLP) Project Works and Workers' Village

To upgrade existing 220kV electricity transmission lines and construct and use land for a temporary Workers' Village. This project will increase the electricity transmission capacity between the Otago-Southland region and the Waitaki Valley. The works involve strengthening/upgrading parts of the transmission loop including:

- Duplexing the Roxburgh – Naseby – Livingstone circuits,
- Thermally upgrading the Cromwell – Twizel circuits, and
- Duplexing the Aviemore – Benmore circuits.

You have been identified as someone who may have an interest in this project and I invite you to provide written comments on the proposed project pursuant to section 21(2) of the Act. If it is more efficient to discuss this application, my officials from the Fast-track Consenting Team will be available for a discussion with you. Please contact officials at fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz.

Also note that if I decide to refer the project to a panel, there will be an opportunity for iwi to nominate a representative to sit on the panel and determine the application. Applicants will provide a detailed assessment of environmental effects at this next stage.

Please provide your comments via return email no later than 10 working days so that I can take your comments into consideration when I decide on the application.

Nāku noa, nā



Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Enclosure:

- A. Application to refer Clutha Upper Waitaki Lines Project – Project Works and Worker's Village project to an expert consenting panel including supporting information.

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