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Dear Joanne

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Clutha Upper Waitaki Lines Project (CUWLP) Project Works and Workers' Village – Request for further information**

Thank you for your application, received on 04 August 2020, to refer the Clutha Upper Waitaki Lines Project (CUWLP) Project Works and Workers' Village to an expert consenting panel for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).

I am writing to request the following further information under section 22 of the Act:

1. Further information on the employment benefits during construction and other employment opportunities that will be enabled through CUWLP.
2. Clarification on the proposed servicing of the Workers' Village and whether it requires any construction or operational phase water take permits including the abstraction of groundwater or any discharge permits for wastewater and stormwater under any regional plan.
3. Clarification on how potential adverse effects on heritage and cultural values, including wāhi tapu and other sites of significance (which may not be identified in district plans) will be appropriately managed.
4. Confirmation of whether the project, including the Workers' Village, would occur on any land transferred to Ngāi Tahu under their Treaty settlement (for example Naseby Forest) and if so, whether the landowner has provided their agreement in writing.

Please provide the required information via return email within 10 working days so that I can take it into account in my decision about whether to refer the project.

Yours sincerely

Hon David Parker  
Minister for the Environment