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**Dear Ministers** 

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Waimarie Street

Sanctum Projects Limited has applied to refer the Waimarie Street project to an expert consenting panel (a 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 proposed project is described in Attachment A and a copy of the application is electronically attached.

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

Hon David Parker

**Minister for the Environment** 

## Attachments:

A. Description of proposed project

B. Application to refer Waimarie Street project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information

## Attachment A - Proposed project description

Project	Applicant	Details
Waimarie Street	Sanctum Projects Limited	The project is to redevelop three suburban properties in St Heliers, Auckland, covering approximately 7,300 square metres to create approximately 58 residential lots accommodating approximately 58 terraced two to four-bedroom residential units, between two and three storeys high.  The project involves demolishing three residential dwellings and other structures, earthworks and construction of new residential buildings and associated infrastructure.  The project will require subdivision and land use consents, and water take and diversion permits under the Auckland Unitary Plan, and resource consents under the National
		Environmental Standards for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health.