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Dear Jim Stabback

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

The Minister for the Environment (the Minister) has received an application from Sanctum Projects Limited 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). A copy of the application is electronically attached.

The project is to redevelop three suburban properties 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 activities such as demolishing three residential dwellings and other structures, earthworks and construction of new residential buildings and associated infrastructure.

The applicant is seeking subdivision, 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, to be determined for the project through the fast-track process.

Under delegated authority from the Minister and pursuant to section 21(2) of the FTCA, I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. A template is attached for this purpose. Comment is sought on the specific matters outlined in the table below, and on any other matter you consider relevant to the Minister's decision on whether or not to accept the application.

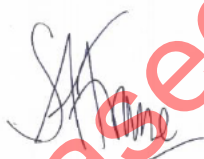
Specific questions on the application
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Are there any reasons that you consider it more appropriate for the project, or part of the project, to proceed through existing Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) consenting processes rather than the processes in the FTCA?2. What reports and assessments would normally be required by the council for a project of this nature in this area?3. Does the applicant, or a company owned by the applicant, have any environmental regulatory compliance history in your region?

If the Minister accepts the application and the project is referred to a panel the council will have the opportunity to nominate a local authority representative (who could be a councillor or independent hearings commissioner) to sit on the panel and determine the RMA approvals for the project. The applicant will provide a detailed assessment of environmental effects and cultural impact assessments at this stage and the council will have the opportunity to provide further comments to the panel. The Ministry for the Environment has prepared guidance on local authority involvement with fast-track consenting projects which you can access on the Ministry for the Environment website.

Please provide your comments via return email within 10 working days to ensure that the Minister takes your comments into consideration when making his decision. Note that the Minister is not required to consider any comments provided after this time.

If it is more efficient for you to discuss the application, please contact the Ministry for the Environment's Fast-track Consenting Team at fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely



Stephanie Frame
Manager, Fast-track Consenting Team

Attachments:

- A. Application to refer the Waimarie Street project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information
- B. Response template for written comments

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