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Hāpai Development Property Limited Partnership
c/- Ed Chapman-Cohen
Senior Planner/Director
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s 9(2)(a)

Dear Ed Chapman-Cohen

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Notice of Decisions (Section 25) – Wairau Housing Development Project

Thank you for Hāpai Development Property Limited Partnership's application under section 20 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA) seeking referral of the Wairau Housing Development Project (project) to an expert consenting panel (panel) for consideration under the FTCA.

The project is to subdivide an approximately 4.5-hectare site located adjacent to Wairau Hospital on Hospital Road, Blenheim and construct approximately 105 residential units and supporting infrastructure including roads and reserves intended to vest with Marlborough District Council, accessways, car-parking areas 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 the 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 decided the project meets the referral criteria in section 18 of the FTCA and I consider it will help to achieve the FTCA's purpose as it has the potential to:

1. generate employment by providing approximately 219 direct full-time equivalent jobs over a 5-year design and construction period
2. increase housing supply through the construction of approximately 105 residential units

3. progress faster than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 process.

Any actual and potential effects arising from the project, together with any measures to avoid, remedy, mitigate, offset or compensate for adverse effects, could be tested by a panel against Part 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991 and the purpose of the FTCA (section 4 and clause 31 Schedule 6).

Accordingly, I have decided to accept your application for referral under section 24(2) of the FTCA and refer all of the project to a panel.

Persons or groups a panel must invite comments from

In accordance with section 24(2)(e) of the FTCA, I have also decided that a panel must invite comments on any resource consent application for the project lodged with the EPA from the following persons or groups additional to those specified in clause 17 Schedule 6 of the FTCA:

1. Ngāti Tama ki Te Waipounamu Trust
2. Ngāti Apa ki Te Rā Tō Post-Settlement Trust
3. Ngāti Apa ki Te Rā Tō Charitable Trust

This will allow those parties the opportunity to have input into the consideration of the application and enable a panel to better understand the potential effects of the proposal.

These directions do not preclude a panel from inviting any other parties to comment on any application lodged with the EPA under the FTCA.

I will progress an Order in Council through the Executive Council for the project. The wording of the referral order may vary slightly from the statements and directions included in this letter, due to legal drafting requirements.

Once this Order is made you will be able to lodge your applications for resource consent with the EPA for a decision by a panel. The decision to approve or decline the resource consent is a matter for the panel appointed by the Panel Convener Judge L J Newhook. You should not take my decision to refer the project as an indication or direction that the determination of those approvals will be successful. Additionally, my decision does not in any way endorse any related or concurrent planning decisions such as zoning decisions that may affect the project.

Please do not publicly release my decision or this notice until the Order in Council for this project has been approved by Cabinet and notified in the New Zealand Gazette.

The FTCA requires that:

1. I provide a copy of my decisions to the persons, entities and groups specified in section 25(1) and (2) of the FTCA
2. My decisions, the reasons for them, 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.

I have also decided to provide a copy of this decision to the following parties who are additional to those specified in the FTCA:

1. Ngāti Tama ki Te Waipounamu Trust
2. Ngāti Apa ki Te Rā Tō Post-Settlement Trust
3. Ngāti Apa ki Te Rā Tō Charitable Trust

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 Relevant Ministers of/for portfolios specified in section 21(6)(a)–(m) of the FTCA:

Arts, Culture, and Heritage; Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti; Housing; Infrastructure; Education; Transport; Land Information; Defence; Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations; Local Government; Conservation; and Climate Change

Local authority:

Marlborough District Council

Other parties:

Ngāti Tama ki Te Waipounamu Trust
Ngāti Apa ki Te Rā Tō Post-Settlement Trust
Ngāti Apa ki Te Rā Tō Charitable Trust

Relevant iwi authorities:

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Incorporated
Te Runanga o Ngāti Kuia Trust
Rangitāne o Wairau Settlement Trust
Te Pātaka a Ngāti Kōata
Ngāti Rārua Settlement Trust
Te Atiawa o Te Waka-a-Māui Trust

Relevant Treaty settlement entities:

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Incorporated
Toa Rangatira Trust
Te Runanga o Ngāti Kuia Trust
Rangitāne o Wairau Settlement Trust
Te Pātaka a Ngāti Kōata
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Environmental Protection Authority

The Panel Convener