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Dear Ministers

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Whenuapai Development Project

Cabra Developments Limited has applied to refer the Whenuapai Development Project (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 project is described in Appendix A and the application documents are in Attachment 1. As the project includes part of the Coastal Marine Area, the Minister of Conservation (Willow-Jean Prime) and I will jointly decide whether or not to accept the application.

Minister Prime and I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. If we 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(s) 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 us to take them into consideration when making our decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker', with a large loop at the end.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Appendix:

A. Description of proposed project

Attachment:

1. Application to refer Whenuapai Development Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)

Appendix A - Proposed project details

Project	Applicant	Details
Whenuapai Development	Cabra Developments Limited	<p>The project is to subdivide land on four separate sites in Whenuapai, Auckland covering a total of approximately 13.7 hectares, and construct a residential development on three of the sites and a light industrial development on the fourth. The three sites for residential development are located at 15 Clarks Lane (Site A), 10 Sinton Road (Site B) and 16 Sinton Road (Site C), and the light industrial site is located at 90 Trig Road (Site D). The project will include works within the Clarks Lane and Sinton Road road reserves and will involve new wastewater infrastructure extending onto the adjacent properties at 12 and 14 Sinton Road, Whenuapai.</p> <p>The project includes the construction of approximately 227 residential units (84 on Site A, 62 on Site B and 81 on Site C), and the creation of 9 lots intended for industrial use and construction of 2 industrial warehouse buildings on Site D. The project also includes the construction of supporting infrastructure including roads and reserves intended to vest with Auckland Council, accessways and three-waters services. The applicant intends to apply for separate resource consents for each site.</p> <p>Part of the project, the discharge of stormwater for Sites A, B and C, will occur in the coastal marine area (CMA).</p>