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8 November 2021

Jolie Hodson  
Executive Director  
Spark New Zealand Trading Limited  
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Dear Jolie Hodson

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Whenuapai Business Park –  
Comments sought**

In the week commencing 4 October 2021, Neil Construction Limited applied to the Minister for the Environment (the Minister) to refer the Whenuapai Business Park project to an expert consenting panel (a panel) for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA).

The project is described below, and a link to all application documents is provided in the covering email.

The project is to subdivide a 22.9 hectare site at 69-71 Trig Road and 155-157 Brigham Creek Road, Whenuapai, Auckland to create 21 industrial lots, two residential lots and two balance lots, together with public roads and pedestrian accessways intended to vest in Auckland Council. A stream crossing will be constructed to accommodate the main public road, and riparian margins will be planted and enhanced.

The project will involve activities such as: subdivision, earthworks (including disturbance of contaminated land, removing vegetation within 10 metres of a natural wetland, diverting and discharging stormwater to land and water, diverting overland flow paths, construction roads and three waters infrastructure, and planting riparian margins.

The applicant is seeking land use and subdivision consents and discharge permits under the Auckland Unitary Plan, and resource consents under the Resource Management (National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health) Regulations 2011 and the Resource Management (National Environmental Standard for Freshwater) Regulation 2020, to be determined through the fast-track consenting process.

You have been identified as a party who may have an interest in the project because one of the project site titles is subject to a covenant in favour of Spark New Zealand Trading Limited as the owner of the adjacent property at 153 Brigham Creek Road. On behalf of the

Minister and pursuant to section 21(3) of the FTCA, I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. A template is attached for this purpose.

Please provide your comments via return email within 10 working days to ensure that the Minister will take your comments into consideration when deciding on the referral application. Note that the Minister is not required to consider any comments provided after this time.

If the Minister decides to refer the project to a panel, the applicant will provide a detailed assessment of environmental effects with any resource consent applications that they lodge with the panel.

If you would like more information about the fast-track consenting process, or to discuss this application, please contact the Ministry for the Environment's Fast-track Consenting team at [fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz) to arrange an appointment.

This information is provided to you in confidence and as part of the statutory process set out in the FTCA. Please do not forward the application or the request for comments to anyone outside your organisation.

Yours sincerely



Stephanie Frame  
**Manager, Fast-Track Consenting Team**

Enclosures:

- A. Response template for written comments