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Ministers of/for:

Infrastructure; Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti; Housing; Education; Arts, Culture, and Heritage; Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations; Local Government; Land Information; Defence; Transport; Conservation; Climate Change; and Associate Minister for the Environment (Urban Policy)

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Dear Ministers

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Whisper Creek Residential Subdivision

Mike Greer Homes North Canterbury Limited and LMM Investments 2012 Limited have applied to refer the Whisper Creek Residential Subdivision 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 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 applicants 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 applicants must provide a more detailed environmental assessment and cultural impact assessments 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 the Whisper Creek Residential Subdivision project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information

Released under the provision of
the Official Information Act 1982

Appendix A - Proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
Whisper Creek Residential Subdivision	Mike Greer Homes North Canterbury Limited and LMM Investments 2012 Limited	<p>The Project is to subdivide approximately 64 hectares of land and construct a housing development comprising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">approximately 188 residential lotsapproximately 217 residential unitsa balance lot comprising naturalised streams, wetlands, stormwater basins, landscaping and open space, and potentially a future golf courseinfrastructure associated with the subdivision and development including roads, culverts, parking and infrastructure for three-waters services to service the residential lots. <p>The Project site is located at 240 Spencerville Road, Ouruhia, Canterbury.</p> <p>The Project will involve activities such as demolition of existing dwellings and associated infrastructure, subdivision, earthworks, taking, treating, retention of, diverting and discharging surface and groundwater, naturalising streams, constructing wetlands, water storage basins and drains, landscaping and planting (including of riparian margins), and constructing buildings including residential units and associated infrastructure.</p>