



BRF-1404

9 May 2022

Mike Greer Homes Canterbury Limited / LMM Investments 2012 Limited
c/- Jo Appleyard / Lucy Forrester
Partner / Solicitor
Chapmann Tripp

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Dear Jo Appleyard and Lucy Forrester

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – Notice of Decision (Section 25)
– Whisper Creek Residential Subdivision Project**

Thank you for Mike Greer Homes Canterbury Limited / LMM Investments 2012 Limited's application under section 20 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA) seeking referral of the Whisper Creek Residential Subdivision Project (project) to an expert consenting panel (panel) for consideration under the FTCA.

The project is to subdivide approximately 64 hectares of land located at 240 Spencerville Road, Ouruhia, Canterbury, to create approximately 188 residential lots and a balance lot containing naturalised streams, wetlands, stormwater basins, landscaped areas and open space, and to construct a housing development comprising approximately 217 residential units and infrastructure associated with the subdivision and development including roads, culverts, parking and infrastructure for 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 a 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 can also decline to refer a project for any reason, under section 23(2) of the FTCA.

I have decided to decline your application for referral under section 23(1) of the FTCA as I cannot be satisfied that the project meets the referral criteria under section 18 because the project may include prohibited activities. Even if that issue were to be clarified, I would not favour referral.

I have also decided to decline your application for referral under section 23(2) of the FTCA because I believe that it would be more appropriate for project consenting to go through standard RMA process.

The FTCA requires that:

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

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker', is positioned above the printed name.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

cc 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 the Associate Minister for the Environment (Urban Policy)

Local authorities:

Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury

Other parties:

Greater Christchurch Partnership (GCP) and the following individual GCP partners: Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu; Selwyn District Council; Waimakariri District Council; Canterbury District Health Board and Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency