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Ministers of/for:

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

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Dear Ministers

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – comments sought on referral application – Worker Accommodation—Hansen Road Project

No.1 Hansen Road Limited has applied to refer the Worker Accommodation—Hansen Road Project (project) to an expert consenting panel (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.

I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. If I 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 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parker', with a stylized, flowing script.

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Appendix:

A. Description of proposed project

Attachments:

1. Application to refer Worker Accommodation—Hansen Road Project to an expert consenting panel, including supporting information (Databox link in covering email)
2. Template for response

Appendix A - Proposed project

Project	Applicant	Details
Worker Accommodation— Hansen Road Project	No. 1 Hansen Road Limited	The project is to construct a residential development for the purpose of providing worker's accommodation at 1 Hansen Road, Frankton, Otago consisting of 7-8 buildings 10-18 metres (3 to 6 storeys) high. The project will include 400-600 residential units, communal utility facilities, ground-floor retail/commercial space, new infrastructure and internal roads, parking and pedestrian and cycle paths.