

BRF-2896

Nicole Rosie
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Dear Nicole Rosie

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

The Minister for the Environment (Minister) has received an application from No.1 Hansen Road Limited to refer the Worker Accommodation—Hansen Road Project (project) to an expert consenting panel (a panel) for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA).

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 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.

Waka Kotahi may have an interest in the project because it may impact the operation of the State Highway network. Under delegated authority from the Minister and pursuant to section 21(3) of the FTCA, I invite Waka Kotahi's written comments on the referral application. A template is provided for this purpose in Attachment 2.

The above 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 request for comments to anyone outside your organisation.

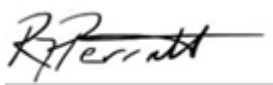
If the Minister accepts the application and the project are referred to a panel, the applicant will be able to lodge applications with the Environmental Protection Authority for the approvals needed under the Resource Management Act 1991. The applicant must provide a detailed assessment of environmental effects and cultural impact assessment(s) as part of this process.

Please provide comments via return email within 10 working days to ensure that the Minister takes them into consideration when deciding whether or not to accept the referral

application. Note that the Minister is not required to consider any comments provided after this time.

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

Yours sincerely



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Acting Manager, Fast-track Consenting Team

Appendix:

A. Details of proposed project

Attachments:

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

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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.