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To: [Nicola Willis \(MIN\)](#); [Shane Jones \(MIN\)](#); [Penny Simmonds \(MIN\)](#); [Tama Potaka \(MIN\)](#); [Paul Goldsmith \(MIN\)](#)
Cc: [FTAreferalls](#)
Subject: Invitation to comment on Fast-track referral application for the Ridgeburn project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 – FTAA-2505-1078
Date: Friday, 25 July 2025 8:01:05 am
Attachments: [Comments Form for Invited Ministers.docx](#)

To:

Minister for Economic Growth
Minister for Regional Development
Minister for the Environment
Minister of Conservation
Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage
Associate Minister of Housing

Dear Ministers,

Hon Chris Bishop, the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister), has asked for me to write to you on his behalf.

The Minister has received an application from Ridgeburn Limited for referral of the Ridgeburn project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) to the fast-track process (application reference FTAA-2505-1078).

The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits.

Invitation to comment on referral application

I write in accordance with section 17 of the Act to invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. I have provided summary details of the project below.

If you wish to provide written comments, these must be received by **return email** within **20 working days** of receipt of this email. The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame. Any comments submitted will contribute to the Minister's decision on whether to accept the referral application and to refer the project.

If you do not wish to provide comments, please let us know as soon as possible so we can proceed with processing the application without delay.

If the Minister decides to accept the application and to refer the project, the Applicant will need to complete any preliminary steps required under the Act and then lodge their substantive application for the approvals needed for the project. An expert panel will be appointed to decide the substantive application.

Process

The application documents are accessible through the Fast-track portal. Please note that application documents may contain commercially sensitivity information and should not be shared widely. If you haven't used the portal before, you can request access by emailing ftareferalls@mfe.govt.nz. Once you are registered and have accepted the terms and conditions, you will receive a link to view the documents. Existing users will be able to see application documents via the request when logging into the portal. Should you need for your agency to provide any supplementary information, a nominated person can be provided access to the portal, access can be requested by emailing ftareferalls@mfe.govt.nz.

To submit your comments on the application, you can either provide a letter or complete the attached template for written comments and return it by replying to this email, infrastructure.portfolio@parliament.govt.nz.

Before the due date, if you have any queries about this email or need assistance with using the portal, please email contact@fasttrack.govt.nz. Further information is available at <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/>.

Important Information

Please note that all comments received from Ministers invited to comment will be subject to the Official Information Act 1982. Comments received will be proactively released at the time the Minister for Infrastructure makes a referral decision, unless the Minister providing comments advises the Minister for Infrastructure's office they are to be withheld, at the time they are submitted.

If a Conflict of Interest is identified by the Minister providing comments at any stage of providing comments, please inform my office and the Cabinet Office immediately. The Cabinet Office will provide advice and, if appropriate, initiate a request to the Prime Minister to agree to a transfer of the project/portfolio invite to another Minister (a request to transfer a COI from one Minister to another can take 1-7 days).

Project summary

Project name	Ridgeburn
Applicant	Ridgeburn Limited
Location	Arrow Junction, Queenstown
Project description	The project is to develop a business park and service area and involves the establishment and operation of: a. approximately 1250 residential dwellings/units (including 180 affordable dwellings/units), a 'workers' accommodation/accommodation complex, and commercial village precinct (retail, hospitality, community services, office space) b. 60 hectares of landscape and ecological enhancement, including native planting c. integration with existing and proposed walking and cycling trails

Yours sincerely

Hon Chris Bishop

Minister for Infrastructure



Office of Hon Chris Bishop

Minister of Housing | Minister for Infrastructure | Minister Responsible for RMA Reform | Minister of Transport | Associate Minister of Finance | Associate Minister for Sport & Recreation | Leader of the House | MP for Hutt South

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Kate Timms-Dean
General Manager
Aukaha (1997) Limited

s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Kate

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I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. Please note the criteria in [section 22](#) of the Act will guide the Minister's decision-making on whether to refer a project to the Fast-track approvals process.

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Nāku noa, nā



Ilana Miller
General Manager, Delivery and Operations

cc: s 9(2)(a)
consents@aukaha.co.nz

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Penny Nelson
Director-General of Conservation
Department of Conservation

fast-track@doc.govt.nz

Dear Penny

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I invite the Department of Conservation to provide written comments on the referral application as the administering agency for the Wildlife Act 1953. Please note the criteria in [section 22](#) of the Act will guide the Minister's decision-making on whether to refer a project to the Fast-track approvals process.

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Yours sincerely

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cc Jenny Fitzgerald, DOC Fast-track Manager - s 9(2)(a)

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Peter Richardson
Director Policy
Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga

s 9(2)(a)

Dear Peter

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I invite the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga to provide written comments on the referral application as the administering agency for the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014. Please note the criteria in [section 22](#) of the Act will guide the Minister's decision-making on whether to refer a project to the Fast-track approvals process.

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cc Angelica Pablo, Policy Advisor – s 9(2)(a)
fasttrack@heritage.org.nz

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Louise Dennison
Hokonui Rūnanga

s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Louise

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Nāku noa, nā



Ilana Miller
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Shane Ellison
Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki

s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Shane

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Ilana Miller
General Manager, Delivery and Operations

cc: admin@puketeraki.nz

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James Palmer
Secretary for the Environment
Ministry for the Environment

s 9(2)(a)

Dear James

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I invite the Ministry for the Environment to provide written comments on the referral application as the administering agency for the Resource Management Act 1991. Please note the criteria in [section 22](#) of the Act will guide the Minister's decision-making on whether to refer a project to the Fast-track approvals process.

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Yours sincerely



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General Manager, Delivery and Operations

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cc Macaela Flanagan, Manager System Oversight, [s 9\(2\)\(a\) adminagencyftaa@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:s 9(2)(a) adminagencyftaa@mfe.govt.nz)
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Brett Gliddon
Chief Executive Officer
New Zealand Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi)

s 9(2)(a)

Dear Bret

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I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(5) of the Act (the Minister may invite written comments on a referral application from any other parties).

I invite New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) to provide written comments on the referral application and the following matter:

1. The project proposes an upgrade to the intersection to State Highway 6 (which connects to the project site). Are there any matters that NZTA considers may adversely affect project delivery?

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cc Nicola Foran, Team Leader Environmental Planning – s 9(2)(a)
EnvironmentalPlanning@nzta.govt.nz

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Richard Saunders
Chief Executive Officer
Otago Regional Council

s 9(2)(a)

Dear Richard

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Under section 17(1)(a) of the Act, I invite Otago Regional Council to provide written comments on the referral application. Please note the criteria in [section 22](#) of the Act will guide the Minister's decision-making on whether to refer a project to the Fast-track approvals process.

In addition, under section 17(3) of the Act and without limiting any general comments under subsection (1)(a), Otago Regional Council **must** provide written comments advising on the following:

1. Any applications that have been lodged with the Council that would be a competing application or applications if a substantive application for the project were lodged. If no such applications exist, please also confirm this in writing
2. In relation to projects seeking approval of a resource consent under section 42(4)(a) of the Act, whether there any existing resource consents issued where sections 124C(1)(c) or 165ZI of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) could apply, if the project were to be applied for as a resource consent under the RMA. If no such consents exist, please also confirm this in writing.

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Yours sincerely



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Mike Theelen
Chief Executive Officer
Queenstown Lakes District Council

s 9(2)(a)

Dear Mike

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2. In relation to projects seeking approval of a resource consent under section 42(4)(a) of the Act, whether there any existing resource consents issued where sections 124C(1)(c) or

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Section 20 – request further information

Under section 20 of the Act, I am writing to request the following further information:

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Meriani Pile
Te Ao Mārama Incorporated

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Barry Bragg
Chair
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s 9(2)(a)

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Justin Tipa
Te Rūnanga o Moeraki

s 9(2)(a)

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Kasmira Peterson
Te Rūnanga o Ōraka-Aparima

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Andrew Rouvi
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Odele Stehlin
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