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Waste Management NZ Limited (the applicant)
Email: s 9(2)(a)

c/- Keeley Clayton
Tonkin & Taylor Limited (the agent)
Email: s 9(2)(a)

Dear Jim

Section 28 – Notice of Decisions on the referral application for the Redvale Landfill Expansion project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

This notice of decisions is for a referral application received from Waste Management NZ Limited (the applicant) for the Redvale Landfill Expansion project (the project) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act).

Project details

The project is to expand and extend the existing Redvale Landfill at 66 Landfill Access Road in Dairy Flat within the Auckland Region.

The project will include:

- a. an extension to the time period waste can be accepted at the existing Redvale Landfill to 2036
- b. an expansion of waste volume within the existing landfill footprint by approximately 3.1 million cubic metres
- c. an extension to the existing landfill to accommodate approximately 1.4 million cubic metres for a Class 2 landfill
- d. additional site modifications including movement of on-site ancillary facilities, infrastructure upgrades, and environmental management measures necessary to implement and maintain the proposed works.

The project will require the proposed approvals under the fast-track approvals process:

- a. resource consents under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) as described in section 42(4)(a) of the Act.

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Statutory framework for referral applications

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

The project can only be accepted if the Minister is satisfied the criteria in section 22 are met, which includes being satisfied the project is an infrastructure or development project that would have significant regional or national benefits and referring the project to the fast-track approvals process would facilitate the project, including by enabling it to be processed in a more timely and cost effective way than under normal processes, and is unlikely to materially affect the efficient operation of the fast-track approvals process.

Under section 21(3) of the Act, the Minister must decline a referral application if:

- the Minister is satisfied that the project does not meet the criteria in section 22
- the Minister is satisfied that the project involves an ineligible activity
- the Minister considers they do not have adequate information to inform the decision.

Additionally, the Minister has the discretion to decline a referral application for any other reason, even if the project meets the criteria outlined in section 22 of the Act.

Decision on referral application

The Minister has decided to accept the referral application under section 21(1)(c) and refer the whole project to the fast-track approvals process under section 26(2)(a). The Minister is satisfied that the project meets the criteria in section 22 of the Act, for the reasons detailed below.

Reasons for accepting referral application

The Minister is satisfied the project:

- a. is an infrastructure or development project that would have significant regional or national benefits; and
- b. referring the project to the fast-track approvals process –
 - i. would facilitate the project, including by enabling it to be processed in a more timely and cost-effective way than under normal processes; and
 - ii. is unlikely to materially affect the efficient operation of the fast-track approvals process.

Specifically, the Minister is satisfied the project meets the criteria in section 22 of the Act because

- a. it is a development or infrastructure project that would have significant regional or national benefits [s22(1)(a)] because it will enable the continued functioning of existing regionally significant infrastructure [s22(2)(a)(ii)]
- b. referring the project to the fast-track approvals process would facilitate the project, including by enabling it to be processed in a more timely and cost-effective way than under

normal processes because public and limited notification is precluded and appeal rights are limited [s22(1)(b)(i)]

- c. referring the project to the fast-track approvals process is unlikely to materially affect the efficient operation of the fast-track approvals process because the project is an expansion and extension of an existing activity, and is neither novel in the New Zealand context nor beyond the scope of what a panel would assess under the RMA [s22(1)(b)(ii)].

The Minister is satisfied there is no reason they must decline the project under section 21(3) of the Act. The Minister is also satisfied there is no reason to decline the project under section 21(4) of the Act.

Specified matters for accepted referral application

1. Waste Management NZ Limited, who lodged the referral application, as the person who is authorised to lodge a substantive application for the project under section 27(2) of the Act.
2. In relation to a substantive application for the project, pursuant to section 27(3)(b)(iii), the panel must invite comments from the following groups, in addition to those specified in section 53:
 - a. Ngāti Koheriki Claims Committee
 - b. Tūpuna Taonga o Tāmaki Makaurau Trust / Whenua Haumi Roroa o Tāmaki Makaurau Limited Partnership
 - c. Rodney Local Board.
3. Under section 27(3)(b)(i) of the Act, a deadline of one year from the date of issue of this letter applies for lodging the substantive application.

Under section 28 of the Act, the Ministry for the Environment must also give written notice of decisions made by the Minister on an accepted referral application to the parties specified in Appendix 1 of this letter.

If you have any queries about this notice of decisions, please email referral@fasttrack.govt.nz and include the name of the lead contact – Ashiley Sycamore. If you have any queries about the substantive process, please email contact@fasttrack.govt.nz, or phone 0800 FASTRK (0800 225 537).

Yours sincerely



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Acting Manager – Fast-track Operations

Appendix 1: Section 28 – Notice of Minister’s decision on accepted referral application

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Section 28(1)(a) – The applicant	Waste Management NZ Limited
Section 28(1)(ii) – Anyone invited to comment on the application	
<i>Relevant local authorities</i>	Auckland Council
<i>Relevant portfolio Ministers</i>	Minister for the Environment
<i>Relevant administering agencies</i>	Ministry for the Environment
<i>The Māori groups under s17(d)</i>	Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust Hako Tūpuna Trust Ngāti Maru Rūnanga Trust Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust Ngāti Pāoa Iwi Trust Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Trust Ngāti Tamaterā Treaty Settlement Trust Te Kawerau Iwi Settlement Trust Te Ākitai Waiohū Waka Taua Inc Ngaati Whanaunga Incorporated Society Te Ākitai Waiohū Settlement Trust Ngaati Whanaunga Ruunanga Trust Tūpuna Taonga o Tāmaki Makaurau Trust / Whenua Haumi Roroa o Tāmaki Makaurau Limited Partnership Taonga o Marutūāhu Trustee Limited / Marutūāhu Rōpū Limited Partnership Ngāti Te Ata Claims Support Whānau Trust Ngāti Koheriki Claims Committee
<i>Any other persons under s17(5)</i>	Minister for Auckland Minister of Climate Change Minister for Energy Minister for Regional Development Minister for Economic Growth
Section 28(2) – Other parties for an accepted referral application	
<i>The Panel Convener</i>	Including all the information received by the Minister as required by section 28(4).
<i>Any iwi authorities or Treaty settlement entities (other than those that must be notified as identified above) that the Minister considers have an interest in the matter</i>	No additional iwi authorities or Treaty settlement entities have been identified beyond those listed above.
<i>Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)</i>	Including all the information received by the Minister as required by section 28(4).
<i>Relevant administering agencies</i>	As identified above.