

## Hon Andrew Little

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Environmental Protection Authority  
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Tēnā koe

### **COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – Comment on draft conditions for referred application 2020-03 Northbrook Wanaka Retirement Village**

I am writing in response to your letter of 15 July in which you invited comment on the draft conditions for referred application 2020-03 Northbrook Wanaka Retirement Village under Schedule 6 Clause 36(1) of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020.

I have considered matters specific to my portfolio as the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and as the Minister responsible for the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011.

I note among the draft conditions, the Panel is seeking comment on two alternative conditions on the application for providing legal access to the adjoining Hawea/Wanaka substitute land (also known as Sticky Forest). I have a preference for the condition that provides the greatest level of certainty and practicality to ensure the issue of legal access to Sticky Forest is resolved. I therefore request the Panel adopt the condition providing for an easement granting legal access to Sticky Forest in favour of the Queenstown-Lakes District Council.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A Little', written over the typed name.

**Hon Andrew Little**  
**Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations**