

File ref: FTC000027

12 October 2021

Roberts Family Trust

Via email: [johnroberts998@gmail.com](mailto:johnroberts998@gmail.com); [jade@ricespeir.co.nz](mailto:jade@ricespeir.co.nz)

Private Bag 63002  
Wellington 6140, New Zealand

Level 10, Grant Thornton House  
215 Lambton Quay  
Wellington 6011, New Zealand

[epa.govt.nz](http://epa.govt.nz)  
+64 4 916 2426

NZBN: 9429041901977

Tēnā koe,

### **Request for information from Roberts Family Trust in relation to Silverlight Studios under COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020**

The Silverlight Studios Expert Consenting Panel (the Panel), has directed the EPA to request further information from you under clause 25 of Schedule 6 of the COVID-19 Recovery Act 2020 (the Act), relating to the Silverlight Studios consent application.

As directed by the Panel, the EPA is seeking the following information:

In light of comments received from various parties on landscape and visual effects, the Panel **directs** that Mr B Espie and Ms A Steven, landscape architects, jointly caucus and prepare a joint Landscape Conferencing Report. The requirements of that Report are as follows:

1. In consultation with the applicant, Mr Espie and Ms Steven are to undertake joint site visits<sup>1</sup> to the Roberts Family Trust, 783 Wanaka-Luggate Highway.
2. The Report is to address the extent of landscape and visual effects arising from the application on the Roberts Family Trust, 783 Wanaka-Luggate Highway and agree on a solution that will achieve no more than minor adverse visual amenity effects on that property.
3. The Report is to include a revised landscape plan and planting plan setting out agreed proposed mitigation for the whole of the subject site, including plant species and the size of plantings, and any recommended new or revised conditions of consent. Any existing plantings on the subject site relied on for mitigation purposes should be identified and confirmed as being located within the subject site boundaries and therefore under the applicant's control.

---

<sup>1</sup> The site visit will be coordinated by the applicant and landowner. Persons attending the site visit will be responsible for their own health and safety for the duration of the visit.

4. The Report is to explain how any mitigation planting can accommodate local mahika kai species and plants suitable for the creation of habitat for local endemic fauna species including skinks, geckos, birds and insects.
5. Should there be any matter not agreed between Mr Espie and Ms Steven, the Report is to set out in full the reasons for the disagreement.
6. The Report is to be signed and dated by both landscape architects and lodged with the EPA.
7. We have sent a similar letter to Silverlight Studios Limited. The Panel suggests that Ms Steven contact Mr Espie directly to arrange for this work to be undertaken. It has also been suggested to the applicant that Mr Espie takes the lead role in preparing the Report requested by the Panel. By way of clarification, this report is in the interest of both parties and any costs incurred by Ms Steven are not cost recoverable from the EPA.

In accordance with clause 25 of Schedule 6 of the Act Roberts Family Trust must;

- a) Provide electronic copies of the information or report requested; or
- b) Advise the EPA, with reasons that you decline to provide the information or report requested.

Please provide the further information to the EPA by **Wednesday 27 October 2021**.

Please note, the information will be provided to the Panel, the applicant and every person who provided comments on the application. The information will also be made available on the EPA website.

If you have any questions or further queries, please don't hesitate to contact Elliott Dennett on [elliott.dennett@epa.govt.nz](mailto:elliott.dennett@epa.govt.nz) or +64 4 474 5518.

Nākū noā, na



Sandra Balcombe

Manager Land and Oceans Applications