



Environmental Protection Agency
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Attn: Sandra Balcombe

13 October 2021

Dear Sandra,

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 - Silverlight Studios - Request for Further
Information - 12 October 2021**

Thank you for your letter of 12 October 2021 and the opportunity to provide further information on the Silverlight Studios project.

We have discussed the information requested with Ben Espie and Anne Steven. Unfortunately Mr. Espie and Ms. Steven are both extremely busy over upcoming months since the Environment Court is currently hearing numerous appeals in relation to the Queenstown Lakes Proposed District Plan and both Mr. Espie and Ms. Steven have various briefs of evidence to circulate and hearings to attend between now and December. Due to these commitments Mr. Espie and Ms. Steven would struggle to coordinate a site visit and the preparation of a detailed report as requested.

Mr. Espie and Ms. Steven have however agreed on an alternative approach to providing the requested information (in relation to points 1 to 8 of the request).

An initial factor that is of assistance is that both the Roberts Family Trust and Silverlight Studios agree in general terms that the landscape mitigation approach recommended in Ms. Steven's report is achievable, appropriate and will ensure that effects on the Roberts property are no more than minor.

On this basis Mr. Espie and Ms. Steven have proposed that, if the ECP are agreeable, they confer to arrive at a detailed description of a landscape design and management approach to be applied to the relevant part of the Silverlight site. That description would set out what must be achieved in terms of mitigation, how it will be achieved and would set parameters for performance. It would be worded in such a way that it could form a condition of consent but it would not go into setting a detailed design at this point.

The description/condition would require that a detailed landscape design is prepared in the future (post resource consent) which achieves all of the aspects of the description. This approach would also allow for the detailed design to be prepared in consultation with iwi in regard to the incorporation of mahika kai species and plants suitable for the creation of habitats for endemic fauna, Silverlight Studios having already committed to such consultation.

A review clause is likely to also be recommended. Mr. Espie and Ms. Steven consider that points 1 to 8 of the request for information can be dealt with in this way and within the specified timeframe and consequently we request the ECP's endorsement of this alternative approach.

Mr. Espie has also considered points 9(a) and (b) of the ECP's request for information and confirmed that he can also meet the requirements of those points within the specified timeframe.

Yours sincerely,
Edgar Planning Ltd,



Scott Edgar
Director