



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 2) 2021

Portfolio Environment

On 1 March 2021, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Minister for the Environment has decided under section 24 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act) to accept Wooing Tree Property Development LP's Wooing Tree Estate Project for referral to a panel;
- 2 **noted** that Wooing Tree Property Development LP's Wooing Tree Estate Project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the Act, and is considered to help achieve the purpose of the Act by:
 - 2.1 directly generating up to 650 FTE jobs which includes jobs resulting from the construction of 276 residential units and ongoing permanent jobs relating to commercial activities (the scope of this project only includes construction of 46 residential units, but the employment figure estimates jobs related to construction of all of the 276 units approved for subdivision);
 - 2.2 providing economic benefits to people living and working in the Central Otago area and the viticulture and construction industries affected by COVID-19;
 - 2.3 increasing housing supply in an area experiencing rapid growth and housing shortages;
 - 2.4 contributing to a well-functioning urban environment given the site's proximity to the Cromwell town centre and location within an area identified in the Cromwell Spatial Plan as being suitable for residential intensification;
 - 2.5 enabling the Project to progress faster by using the processes provided by the Act than would otherwise be the case;
- 3 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 2) 2021 directs that any expert consenting panel appointed to consider Wooing Tree Property Development LP's Wooing Tree Estate seek comments from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency;
- 4 **noted** that on 27 July 2020, Cabinet agreed to waivers of the 28-day rule so that Orders in Council made under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 can come into force as soon as they are notified in the New Zealand Gazette [CAB-20-MIN-0353];

- 5 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 2) 2021 [PCO 23553/5.0];
- 6 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 2) 2021 will come into force on 5 March 2021.

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for Secretary of the Cabinet

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