



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 12) 2021

Portfolios                      Environment / Conservation

On 18 October 2021, Cabinet:

- 1        **noted** that the Minister for the Environment and the Minister of Conservation have decided under section 24 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 to accept the application for referral of Northland Development Corporation Limited's Ōruku Landing project to an expert consenting panel;
- 2        **noted** that Northland Development Corporation Limited's Ōruku Landing project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020, and is considered to help achieve the Act's purpose by having the potential to:
  - 2.1        have positive effects on social wellbeing by providing a range of employment opportunities and flow-on economic benefits, and by maintaining and enhancing public access to, and enjoyment of, the coastal marine area;
  - 2.2        generate employment by providing up to:
    - 2.2.1        395 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs per year over a three-year construction period;
    - 2.2.2        223 part time jobs per year over the construction period;
    - 2.2.3        123 direct FTE ongoing jobs after the construction period ends;
  - 2.3        increase housing supply through the construction of approximately 17 residential units;
  - 2.4        have positive effects on the local economy by bringing approximately **s 9(2)(b)(ii)** across the three years of construction of both stages of the project into the local construction, tourism and hospitality industries;
  - 2.5        progress faster using the Act's processes than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes, provided that the applicant lodges their applications for resource consents with the Environmental Protection Agency in a timely manner following project referral;

- 3 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 12) 2021 requires Northland Development Corporation Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel an assessment against the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010, a coastal hazard assessment, a greenhouse gas emissions assessment, an integrated transport assessment, an infrastructure assessment and evidence of the applicant's legal right to access the land, as detailed in Appendix three to the submission under CAB-21-SUB-0420;
- 4 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 12) 2021 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Northland Development Corporation Limited's Ōruku Landing project to seek comments from: the Minister for Economic and Regional Development and the Minister of Tourism; representatives of Terenga Parāoa Marae, Ngāraratunua Marae, Takahiwai Marae, Pehiāweri Marae, and Toetoe Marae; Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua; and the Ngāti Kahu o Torongare Hapū and Hapū Cultural Designer representatives from the project's governance committee, as listed in Appendix three;
- 5 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 12) 2021 [PCO 24155/7.0];
- 6 **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];
- 7 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 12) 2021 will come into force on 22 October 2021.

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Secretary of the Cabinet