



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 13) 2021

**Portfolio**                      **Environment**

On 26 October 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 to accept the applications for referral of the following projects to a panel:
  - 1.1 Tawanui Developments Limited, K3 Properties Limited and Mana Ahuriri Holdings Limited's Riverbend Residential Development project;
  - 1.2 Silverlight Studios Limited's Silverlight Studios Accommodation project;
- 2 **noted** that Tawanui Developments Limited, K3 Properties Limited and Mana Ahuriri Holdings Limited's Riverbend Residential Development 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 diverse range of housing types in an area where additional housing supply is urgently needed and where there are limited affordable housing options;
  - 2.2 generate employment by providing an average of approximately 186 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs per year during the three-year planning and construction period;
  - 2.3 increase housing supply through the construction of up to 670 new residential units;
  - 2.4 progress faster using the Act's processes than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes, provided that the applicants lodge 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 13) 2021 requires Tawanui Developments Limited, K3 Properties Limited and Mana Ahuriri Holdings Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel a flood hazard assessment, a climate change assessment, a traffic assessment, assessments against the Hawkes Bay Regional Resource Management Plan, a natural hazard assessment, a detailed development plan, and a three waters capacity assessment, as detailed in Appendix three to the paper under CAB-21-SUB-0433;

- 4 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 13) 2021 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Tawanui Developments Limited, K3 Properties Limited and Mana Ahuriri Holdings Limited's Riverbend Residential Development project to seek comments from Pukemokimoki Marae Trust and Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust, as listed in Appendix three;
- 5 **noted** that Silverlight Studios Limited's Silverlight Studios Accommodation 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:
- 5.1 have positive effects on social wellbeing by enhancing employment opportunities and reducing pressure on the local housing market by providing on-site residential accommodation;
  - 5.2 generate employment by providing approximately 175 FTE jobs per year over a three-year design and construction period and 30 FTE ongoing operational jobs once completed;
  - 5.3 increase local accommodation supply by developing approximately 300 new on-site residential units for cast and crew (or visitor accommodation when the studio is not in use);
  - 5.4 progress faster using the Act's processes than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes, provided that the applicants lodge their applications for resource consents with the Environmental Protection Agency in a timely manner following project referral;
- 6 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 13) 2021 requires Silverlight Studios Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel an integrated transport assessment, an acoustic assessment, and a three waters infrastructure assessment, as detailed in Appendix four;
- 7 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 13) 2021 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Silverlight Studios Limited's Silverlight Studios Accommodation project to seek comments from the Minister for Trade and Export Growth, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, Queenstown Airport Corporation, Aukaha Limited and Te Ao Mārama Incorporated, as listed in Appendix four;
- 8 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 13) 2021 [PCO 24176/7.0];
- 9 **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];
- 10 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 13) 2021 will come into force on 29 October 2021.

Michael Webster  
Secretary of the Cabinet