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Office of the Minister for the Environment

Chair, Cabinet

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 2) 2022

Proposal

- 1 This paper seeks authorisation for submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 2) 2022 (the Amendment Order).
- 2 The Amendment Order amends the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Order 2020 to include as projects referred to an expert consenting panel (panel):
 - 2.1 Harmony Energy New Zealand Limited's Tauhei Solar Farm project (Schedule 42)
 - 2.2 Rotokauri North Holdings Limited's Rotokauri North – Stage 1 project (Schedule 43).

Executive Summary

- 3 The COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA) is one of the Government's actions to support New Zealand's economic recovery from COVID-19. The FTCA enables any person to apply to me, as Minister for the Environment, to fast-track certain approvals required under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) for their project.
- 4 Projects that I accept are referred to a panel by an amendment to the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Order 2020, subject to Cabinet's agreement. This allows an applicant to lodge applications for resource consents and/or notices of requirement for a designation with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for consideration by a panel.
- 5 Before granting RMA approvals a panel must conduct a thorough merit-based assessment of the project's actual and potential effects and test these against the requirements of both Part 2 of the RMA and additional specifications in the FTCA.
- 6 I received applications from:
 - 6.1 Harmony Energy New Zealand Limited (HENZL) to fast-track the Tauhei Solar Farm project.
 - 6.2 Rotokauri North Holdings Limited (RNHL) to fast-track the Rotokauri North – Stage 1 project.

- 7 The Tauhei Solar Farm project is a solar energy generation development in Te Aroha West, Waikato and the Rotokauri North – Stage 1 project is a subdivision and residential development to the north-west of Hamilton.
- 8 I sought written comments on the Tauhei Solar Farm application from the relevant local authorities, relevant Ministers prescribed by the FTCA including the Minister of Energy and Resources, and Transpower New Zealand Limited (Transpower). I considered all comments received and the report prepared under section 17 of the FTCA. I also requested and considered further information from the applicant.
- 9 I have accepted the Tauhei Solar Farm project for referral as I am satisfied it meets the eligibility criteria specified in section 18 of the FTCA. It will help to achieve the purpose of the FTCA by generating employment, providing infrastructure that will contribute to improved economic and employment outcomes, assisting with climate change mitigation and increasing New Zealand's total amount of renewable energy generation.
- 10 I sought written comments on the Rotokauri North – Stage 1 application from the relevant local authorities, relevant Ministers prescribed by the FTCA including the Minister for Social Development and Employment and the Associate Minister for the Environment (Urban Policy), and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi). I considered all comments received and the report prepared under section 17 of the FTCA. I also requested and considered further information from the applicant.
- 11 I have accepted the Rotokauri North – Stage 1 project for referral as I am satisfied it meets the eligibility criteria specified in section 18 of the FTCA. It will help to achieve the purpose of the FTCA by having positive effects on social well-being, contributing to a well-functioning urban environment, generating employment and increasing housing supply
- 12 I consider both projects will progress faster than would otherwise be the case under standard RMA consenting processes, and any actual and potential effects on the environment, together with any measures to mitigate, offset or compensate for adverse effects, can be considered and determined by a panel subject to Part 2 of the RMA and the purpose of the FTCA.
- 13 I now seek authorisation for submission of the Amendment Order to the Executive Council. The Amendment Order enables RNHL and HENZL to apply via the EPA to a panel for the relevant approvals needed under the RMA for their projects, in accordance with the process in the FTCA.

Background

- 14 The FTCA is one of the Government's temporary actions to support New Zealand's economic recovery from COVID-19, by promoting employment and supporting on-going investment. Access to the FTCA provisions remains in place until the FTCA is repealed in July 2023.
- 15 The FTCA enables any person to apply to me, in my role as the Minister for the Environment, to access the fast-track consenting process for their project. If I accept an application, the project is referred by Order in Council – specifically, via an amendment that adds the project as a new schedule to the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Order 2020 – subject to Cabinet's agreement. This allows an applicant to lodge a resource consent application or notice of requirement for a designation with the EPA for consideration and decision by a panel.

- 16 Panels are appointed by Panel Convener Judge Laurie Newhook and are constituted according to the specific representation, skills and knowledge required for the project. Before a panel grants any RMA approvals it must conduct a thorough assessment of the project's actual and potential effects, and test these against the requirements of Part 2 of the RMA and a number of additional specifications in the FTCA. As part of this process the panel must also consult with the range of parties specified in the FTCA and may seek further information if necessary.
- 17 I receive weekly updates on the projects accessing the fast-track provisions and their progress. To ensure robust oversight of the wider performance of the process, the Ministry for the Environment has commissioned an independent survey and review of FTCA implementation in the context of the FTCA's overall purpose. I expect to receive their report early in 2022, and this will feed into a Ministry report to Treasury on FTCA implementation in March 2022.
- 18 As of 1 February 2021, 81 applications have been made under the FTCA to refer projects to a panel, of which:
- 18.1 39 projects have been referred and Orders in Council gazetted. Details are in Appendix one. In summary, for these projects:
 - 18.1.1 12 have been granted their RMA approvals by a panel
 - 18.1.2 one has had their applications for RMA approvals declined by a panel
 - 18.1.3 11 are under active panel consideration
 - 18.1.4 13 have yet to lodge their RMA applications
 - 18.1.5 two have subsequently decided not to seek their RMA consents through the panel process
 - 18.2 five projects have been accepted for referral and are awaiting Orders in Council
 - 18.3 17 referral applications are being processed and are yet to receive referral decisions
 - 18.4 14 referral applications have been declined for a range of reasons including not meeting the purpose of the FTCA and it being more appropriate for them to go through the standard RMA consenting process
 - 18.5 six referral applications have been withdrawn by the applicants.
- 19 Projects listed in Schedule 2 of the FTCA are able to lodge their applications for RMA approvals with the EPA without first going through a referral assessment. An update on these projects is in Appendix two.

Project for referral: Harmony Energy New Zealand Limited's Tauhei Solar Farm project

- 20 HENZL has applied to use the fast-track consenting process for the Tauhei Solar Farm project. The project site is located on privately-owned land and parts of the Mikkelson Road and O'Donoghue Road reserves in Te Aroha West, Waikato.

- 21 The project is to construct and operate a solar farm to generate electricity to supply to the national electricity grid and to install associated underground cabling connecting to the Waihou Substation.
- 22 The project will require land use consents under the Matamata-Piako District Plan, the Waikato Regional Plan (WRP) and the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020 (NES-F). The project may also require a land use consent under the National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health (NES-CS) and water take and discharge permits under the WRP.
- 23 I sought further information under section 22 of the FTCA from the applicant to better understand the applicant's land access arrangements, the proposed connection to Transpower assets, location of underground cables, funding details and whether the applicant is an overseas person under the Overseas Investment Act.
- 24 I sought written comments on the application from the relevant local authorities (Matamata-Piako District Council (MPDC) and Waikato Regional Council (WRC)), relevant Ministers as determined by section 21(6) of the FTCA including the Minister of Energy and Resources, and Transpower.

Overview of comments

- 25 s 9(2)(f)(ii), s 9(2)(g)(i)
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- 30 MPDC was neutral about whether the fast-track consent process is appropriate for the project. MPDC noted the project's positive effects included increased energy supply via a renewable energy source, the potential for ecological enhancement and creation of a biodiversity corridor. They noted adverse effects on high quality soils, rural character, the Te Aroha West settlement and ecology that need to be avoided, remedied or mitigated.
- 31 WRC supported the project and project referral in principle as it will contribute to New Zealand's zero-carbon target.

- 32 Transpower provided late comments supporting the project as it will contribute to New Zealand's efforts to mitigate climate change and transition more quickly to a low greenhouse gas emissions economy.
- 33 s 9(2)(f)(ii), s 9(2)(g)(i) MPDC, WRC and Transpower requested directions to the applicant and the panel that I have considered.

Decision

- 34 In making my decision, and in accordance with section 24 of the FTCA, I considered the application and further information received, all comments and requests for directions to the applicant and a panel provided in response to my invitation, and the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the FTCA. I also considered the report prepared under section 17 of the FTCA.
- 35 I have decided to accept HENZL's application for referral of the Tauhei Solar Farm project to a panel. I am satisfied the project meets the eligibility criteria in sections 18(2) and 18(3) of the FTCA. I consider it will help achieve the purpose of the FTCA by:
- 35.1 generating employment by providing approximately 568 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs in engineering, design and construction over a two-year period and approximately seven direct FTE jobs on an on-going basis
 - 35.2 providing infrastructure that will contribute to improving economic and employment outcomes
 - 35.3 assisting New Zealand's efforts to mitigate climate change and transition more quickly to a low greenhouse gas emissions economy by increasing New Zealand's total amount of renewable energy generation
 - 35.4 progressing faster than would otherwise be the case under standard RMA processes.
- 36 To address specific matters raised by the Minister for Infrastructure, MPDC, WRC and Transpower I have decided to specify the applicant must provide: an integrated transport assessment, a solar photovoltaic glint and glare assessment, an ecological assessment, a landscape and natural character assessment, an acoustic assessment, and information about arrangements for the occupation of the road reserve and connection to the national electricity grid, with their resource consent applications to a panel. The full details of these information requirements are in Appendix three.
- 37 The FTCA requires a panel to invite comments from the relevant local authorities, relevant iwi authorities and Treaty settlement entities, specific Ministers, owners and occupiers of adjacent land, specific non-governmental organisations and other groups listed in the FTCA¹. In addition to these requirements and to address matters raised, I have decided to specify a panel must seek comment on HENZL's resource consent applications from Transpower and the Minister for Energy and Resources.
- 38 I consider any actual and potential effects on the environment, together with any measures to mitigate, offset or compensate for adverse effects, can be appropriately tested by a panel against Part 2 of the RMA and the purpose of the FTCA. The

¹ Clause 17(6) of Schedule 6, FTCA.

additional material listed in Appendix three that must be submitted to a panel will assist with this.

39 I consider there are no reasons to decide under section 24(2) of the FTCA to:

39.1 limit the scope of the project by referring it only in part

39.2 refer the project in stages

39.3 place any restrictions on the project

39.4 impose specific timeframes for panel consideration.

Project for referral: Rotokauri North Holdings Limited's Rotokauri North – Stage 1 project

40 RNHL has applied to use the fast-track consenting process for the Rotokauri North – Stage 1 project. The project site is located at Te Kowhai Road, Te Kowhai and Exelby Road, Burbush, Hamilton.

41 The project is to subdivide land to create approximately 400 residential lots and balance lots for future development, and to construct approximately 40 residential units on 20 of the residential lots, roads and three-waters services.

42 The project requires subdivision and land use consents under the Hamilton City District Plan (HCDP), land use consent under the Operative Waikato District Plan (WDP), water and discharge permits under the WRP, and resource consents under the NES-F and the NES-CS.

43 To better understand potential project benefits including the level of job creation, the effect of consent notices on the land title, the relationship between the applicant and various entities involved with a plan change for the area and rules which consent is being sought under I sought further information under section 22 of the FTCA from the applicant.

44 I sought written comments on the application from the relevant local authorities (Hamilton City Council (HCC), Waikato District Council (WDC) and WRC), relevant Ministers as determined by section 21(6) of the FTCA including the Minister for Social Development and Employment and the Associate Minister for the Environment (Urban Policy), and Waka Kotahi.

Overview of comments

45 s 9(2)(f)(ii), s 9(2)(g)(i)

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² Future Proof is a joint project to consider future development of the North Waikato sub-region. Partners are Ngā Karu Atua o te Waka, Waikato-Tainui, Tainui Waka Alliance, Waikato Regional Council, Waipā District Council, Waikato District Council, Hamilton City Council, Waka Kotahi, Waikato District Health Board, Auckland Council, Mana Whenua Kaitiaki Forum and the Government.

s 9(2)(f)(ii), s 9(2)(g)(i)

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52 HCC supported project referral due to the efficiency of the consent process for multiple consents and benefits to Hamilton by providing low- to medium-cost housing. HCC's support was contingent on a panel considering the application against PC7 and on the applicant being required to deliver infrastructure to service the project.

53 WDC did not oppose project referral but identified concerns to be addressed in any application to a panel relating to infrastructure upgrades, traffic volumes and effects of proposed works on Lake Rotokauri.

54 WRC did not oppose project referral and commented that the project aligns with the Waikato Regional Policy Statement and the Future Proof sub-regional growth strategy. WRC noted the project has the potential for positive social and economic benefits through provision of housing and jobs and recommended that any works in, and effects on watercourses in the project area should achieve hydraulic neutrality and not adversely affect vulnerable populations of black mudfish and giant kōkopu.

55 WDC and WRC also suggested directions to the applicant and a panel.

Decision

56 In making my decision, and in accordance with section 24 of the FTCA, I considered the application and further information received, all comments and requests for directions to the applicant and a panel provided in response to my invitation, and the

eligibility criteria in section 18 of the FTCA. I also considered the report prepared under section 17 of the FTCA.

57 I have decided to accept RNHL's application for referral of the Rotokauri North – Stage 1 project to a panel. I am satisfied the project meets the eligibility criteria in sections 18(2) and 18(3) of the FTCA. I consider it will help achieve the purpose of the FTCA by:

57.1 having positive effects on social wellbeing by generating employment, increasing housing supply and contributing to a well-functioning urban environment

57.2 generating employment by providing approximately 100 direct FTE jobs over a five-year planning and construction period

57.3 increasing housing supply by 40 residential units and enabling future construction of 380 residential units

57.4 progressing faster than would otherwise be the case under standard RMA processes.

58 To address matters raised by Ministers, HCC, WDC and WRC, I have decided to specify the applicant must provide a planning assessment, an integrated transport assessment, an ecological assessment, an infrastructure capacity assessment, and a stormwater and hydrology assessment with their applications for resource consents to a panel. The full details of this information requirement are in Appendix four.

59 The FTCA requires a panel to invite comments from the relevant local authorities, relevant iwi authorities and Treaty settlement entities, specific Ministers, owners and occupiers of adjacent land, specific non-governmental organisations and other groups listed in the FTCA³. In addition to these requirements and to address specific matters raised, I have decided to specify a panel must seek comment on RNHL's resource consent applications from the Associate Minister for the Environment (Urban Policy), Waka Kotahi and the Rotokauri North Tangata Whenua Working Group, as listed in Appendix four.

60 I consider any actual and potential effects on the environment, together with any measures to mitigate, offset or compensate for adverse effects, can be appropriately tested by a panel against Part 2 of the RMA and the purpose of the FTCA. The additional material listed in Appendix four that must be submitted to a panel will assist with this.

61 I consider there are no reasons to decide under section 24(2) of the FTCA to:

61.1 limit the scope of the project by referring it only in part

61.2 refer the project in stages

61.3 place any restrictions on the project

61.4 impose specific timeframes for panel consideration.

³ Clause 17(6) of Schedule 6, FTCA.

Timing and 28-day rule

62 Cabinet has agreed to waive the 28-day rule for Orders in Council relating to projects to be referred to a panel⁴. Therefore, the Amendment Order will come into force the day after publication in the New Zealand Gazette. RNHL and HENZL may then lodge resource consent applications with the EPA.

Compliance

63 The Amendment Order complies with:

63.1 the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi

63.2 the rights and freedoms contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 or the Human Rights Act 1993

63.3 the principles and guidelines set out in the Privacy Act 2020

63.4 relevant international standards and obligations

63.5 the Legislation Guidelines (2018 edition), which are maintained by the Legislation Design and Advisory Committee.

Regulations Review Committee

64 I do not consider that there are grounds for the Regulations Review Committee to draw this Order in Council to the attention of the House of Representatives under Standing Order 319.

Certification by Parliamentary Counsel Office

65 The Amendment Order has been certified by the Parliamentary Counsel Office as being in order for submission.

Impact Analysis

Regulatory Impact Assessment

66 The Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) requirements for this proposal have been waived. Cabinet has agreed that an RIA is not required for Orders in Council relating to projects to be referred to a panel⁵.

Climate Implications of Policy Assessment

67 The Climate Implications of Policy Assessment (CIPA) team at the Ministry for the Environment has been consulted and confirms that the CIPA requirements⁶ do not apply to the projects.

⁴ ENV-20-MIN-0033 and CAB-20-MIN-0353 refer

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⁶ CO (20) 3 refers

Publicity

- 68 The Amendment Order will be available on the New Zealand Legislation website following its notification in the New Zealand Gazette.
- 69 As required under section 25 of the FTCA, my decision to refer the projects to a panel for consideration, the reasons for these decisions, and the reports obtained under section 17 will be made available to the public on the Ministry for the Environment's website.

Proactive release

- 70 I intend to proactively release this paper on the Ministry for the Environment's website subject to redaction as appropriate under the Official Information Act 1982.

Consultation

- 71 The Ministry for the Environment sought comment on this paper from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Ministry for Culture and Heritage, Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry of Education, Department of Corrections, Land Information New Zealand, Treasury, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Ministry for Primary Industries, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Defence, Department of Internal Affairs, Department of Conservation and The Office for Māori Crown Relations – Te Arawhiti.

Released under the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982

Recommendations

I recommend that Cabinet:

- 1 **note** that I have 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 Harmony Energy New Zealand Limited's Tauhei Solar Farm project
 - 1.2 Rotokauri North Holdings Limited's Rotokauri North – Stage 1 project
- 2 **note** that Harmony Energy New Zealand Limited's Tauhei Solar Farm project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18(3) of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020, and will help achieve the Act's purpose, as required by section 18(2) of the Act, by:
 - 2.1 generating employment by providing approximately 568 direct full-time equivalent jobs in engineering, design and construction over a two-year period and approximately seven direct full-time equivalent jobs on an on-going basis
 - 2.2 providing infrastructure that will contribute to improving economic and employment outcomes
 - 2.3 assisting New Zealand's efforts to mitigate climate change and transition more quickly to a low greenhouse gas emissions economy by increasing New Zealand's total amount of renewable energy generation
 - 2.4 progressing faster than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes
- 3 **note** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 2) 2022 requires Harmony Energy New Zealand Limited to provide an integrated transport assessment, a solar photovoltaic glint and glare assessment, an ecological assessment, a landscape and natural character assessment, an acoustic assessment, and information about arrangements for the occupation of the road reserve and connection to the national electricity grid to an expert consenting panel, as detailed in Appendix three
- 4 **note** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 2) 2022 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Harmony Energy New Zealand Limited's Tauhei Solar Farm project to seek comments from Transpower New Zealand Limited and the Minister for Energy and Resources, as listed in Appendix three
- 5 **note** that Rotokauri North Holdings Limited's Rotokauri North – Stage 1 project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18(3) of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020, and will help achieve the Act's purpose, as required by section 18(2) of the Act, by:
 - 5.1 having positive effects on social wellbeing by generating employment, increasing housing supply and contributing to a well-functioning urban environment
 - 5.2 generating employment by providing approximately 100 direct full-time equivalent jobs over a five-year planning and construction period

- 5.3 increasing housing supply by 40 residential units and enabling future construction of 380 residential units
- 5.4 progressing faster than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes
- 6 **note** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 2) 2022 requires Rotokauri North Holdings Limited to provide a planning assessment, an integrated transport assessment, an ecological assessment, an infrastructure capacity assessment, and a stormwater and hydrology assessment to an expert consenting panel, as detailed in Appendix four
- 7 **note** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 2) 2022 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Rotokauri North Holdings Limited's Rotokauri North – Stage 1 project to seek comments from the Associate Minister for the Environment (Urban Policy), Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and the Rotokauri North Tangata Whenua Working Group, as listed in Appendix four
- 8 **authorise** submission of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order 2022 to the Executive Council
- 9 **note** that on 27 July 2020, Cabinet agreed to waive the standard 28-day rule relating to Orders in Council made under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 [CAB-20-MIN-0353 refers]. Consequently, the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order 2022 will come into force the day after publication in the New Zealand Gazette.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon David Parker
Minister for the Environment

Appendix one – Referred projects under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020

| Referred projects with Orders in Council gazetted | | |
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| Project - Location | Applicant | EPA Status |
| Clutha Upper Waitaki Lines Project - Works and Workers' Village - Clutha Upper Waitaki | Transpower New Zealand Limited | Not progressing through FTC |
| Northbrook Wanaka Retirement Village - Wanaka | Winton Property Limited | Consented by Panel (4 August 2021) |
| Kohimarama Comprehensive Care Retirement Village - Kohimarama, Auckland | Ryman Healthcare Limited | Consented by Panel (12 May 2021) |
| Molesworth Street Office Development - Thorndon, Wellington | Prime Property Group Limited | Consented by Panel (12 November 2021) |
| The Vines Affordable Subdivision - Richmond, Tasman | Jason and Angela Mudgway | Declined by Panel (17 September 2021) |
| Dominion Road Mixed-use Development - Mount Eden, Auckland | Pudong Housing Development Company Limited, Foodstuffs North Island Limited, and Silk Road Management Limited | Consented by Panel (29 September 2021) |
| Ohinewai Foam Factory - Ohinewai, Waikato | Ambury Properties Limited | Consented by Panel (24 August 2021) |
| Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project - Infrastructure Works - Porirua | Kāinga Ora-Homes and Communities' and Porirua City Council | Lodgement expected early 2022 |
| Silverlight Studios - Wanaka | Silverlight Studios Limited | Consented by Panel (8 December 2021) |
| Brennan winery, restaurant, education, and event complex - Gibbston Valley, Otago | Otago Viticulture and Oenology Limited's (trading as Brennan Wines) | Not progressing through FTC |
| Nola Estate - Glen Eden, Auckland | CPM 2019 Limited | Consented by Panel (1 October 2021) |
| Wooring Tree Estate – Cromwell | Wooring Tree Property Development LP | Consented by Panel (29 September 2021) |
| Kapuni Green Hydrogen - Kapuni, Taranaki | Hiringa Energy Limited's and Ballance Agri-Nutrients Limited | Consented by Panel (1 December 2021) |
| New Dunedin Hospital – Whakatuputupu – Dunedin Package 1 – enabling works | The Minister of Health's and the Ministry of Health | Consented by Panel (23 December 2021) |
| New Dunedin Hospital – Whakatuputupu – Dunedin Package 2 – buildings | The Minister of Health's and the Ministry of Health | Lodgement expected early 2022 |

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| Faringdon South West and South East Development - Rolleston | Hughes Developments Limited's | Consented by Panel (27 August 2021) |
| Summerset Retirement Village -Waikanae - Waikanae | Summerset Villages (Waikanae) Limited | Consented by Panel (23 September 2021) |
| Beachlands Housing Development - Beachlands, Auckland | Neil Construction Limited and Fletcher Residential Limited | Under consideration by Panel |
| Kōpū Marine Precinct - Kōpū, Thames | Thames-Coromandel District Council | Under consideration by Panel |
| Whakatāne Commercial Boat Harbour project - Whakatāne | Whakatāne District Council, Te Rāhui Lands Trust, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Awa Group Holdings Limited, Te Rāhui Lands General Partner Limited, Te Rāhui Herenga Waka Whakatane Limited, and Provincial Growth Fund Limited | Lodgement expected early 2022 |
| Karaka North Village - Karaka, Auckland | Urban Resort Limited, Icon Co Pty (NZ) Limited | Lodgement expected early 2022 |
| Ōmāhu Residential Development - Remuera, Auckland | Newmarket Holdings Development Limited Partnership | Under consideration by Panel |
| George St Mixed Use Development - Newmarket, Auckland | Te Tai Tokerau Water Trust | Lodgement expected early/mid 2022 |
| Otawere Water Storage Reservoir - Northland | KiwiRail Holdings Limited | Lodgement expected early 2022 |
| Drury Central & Paerata Stations - Auckland | Far North District Council & Far North Holdings Limited | Under consideration by Panel |
| Rangitane Maritime Development - Kerikeri | Aedifice Development Limited | Under consideration by Panel |
| Brickfields, Scott Road Development - Hobsonville, Auckland | Melia Development Limited | Under consideration by Panel |
| Melia Place - Whangaparāoa, Auckland | The Minister of Justice and the Ministry of Justice | Under consideration by Panel |
| Tauranga Innovative Courthouse - Tauranga | Urban Resort Limited, Icon Co Pty (NZ) Limited | Lodgement expected early 2022 |
| Oruku Landing - Whangārei, Northland | Northland Development Corporation Limited | Lodgement expected early 2022 |
| Riverbend Residential Development - Napier | Tawanui Developments Limited, K3 Properties Limited & Mana Ahuriri Holdings Limited | Lodgement expected mid 2022 |
| Silverlight Studios Accommodation - Wanaka, Otago | Silverlight Studios Limited | Under consideration by Panel |

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| Drury Centre Precinct - Auckland | Kiwi Property Holdings No 2 | Under consideration by Panel |
| Waihoehoe Precinct - Auckland | Oyster Capital Limited | Under consideration by Panel |
| Drury East Stage 1 Precinct – Auckland | Fulton Hogan Land Development | Under consideration by Panel |
| Flints Park, Laries Mile – Te Pūtahi, Queenstown | Glenpanel Development Limited | Lodgement expected early 2022 |
| Federal Street Residences, Auckland | P0012 Auckland NZ Pty Limited | Lodgement expected early 2022 |
| Bellgrove Development, Rangiora | Bellgrove Rangiora Limited | Lodgement expected early 2022 |
| Lakeview-Taumata | QT Lakeview Developments Limited | Lodgement expected early 2022 |
| Summerset Retirement Village, Half Moon Bay, Auckland | Summerset Villages (Halfmoon Bay) Limited | Lodgement expected mid 2022 |

Released under the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982

Appendix two – Status of projects listed in Schedule 2 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020

| Listed Project | Status |
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| Matawii Water Storage Reservoir Kaikohe | Consents have been approved. |
| Papakāinga Development – Rāpaki, Christchurch | Consents have been approved. |
| Te Ara Tupua – Ngā Ūranga to Pito-one shared path | Consents have been approved. |
| Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct Redevelopment | Consents have been approved. |
| Queenstown Arterials Project | Consents have been approved. |
| Papakāinga Development - Kaitaia | Consents have been approved. |
| Papakura to Pukekōhe rail electrification | Package 1 - consents have been approved. Package 2 – minor consents - unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage. |
| Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 improvements | Package 1 - consents have been approved. Package 2 – lodgement anticipated in 2022. |
| Papakāinga Development – Waitara, Taranaki | Lodgement anticipated in 2022. |
| Northern Pathway – Westhaven to Akoranga shared path | Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage. |
| Te Pā Tāhuna Residential Development | Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage. |
| Unitec Residential Development | Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage. |
| Papakāinga Development - Point Chevalier, Auckland | Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage. |
| Papakāinga development – Whaingaroa, Raglan | Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage. |
| Papakāinga Development - Chatham Islands | Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage. |
| Wellington Metro Upgrade Programme | Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage. |
| Britomart Station eastern end upgrade | Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage. |

Appendix three – Additional requirements specified by the Minister for the Environment under section 24(2) of the FTCA for Harmony Energy New Zealand Limited’s Tauhei Solar Farm project

Harmony Energy New Zealand Limited is required to provide with their applications for resource consents to an expert consenting panel:

1. an integrated transport assessment that:
 - a. identifies and addresses the effects of additional traffic on the road network during construction including on road safety and maintenance
 - b. identifies how works required to repair construction damage to roads will be funded
2. a solar photovoltaic glint and glare assessment, including modelling the location and nature of glint and glare effects on road users and sensitive receptors including dwellings, and appropriate mitigation measures
3. an assessment of the effects of the project on local ecology and biodiversity, including on aquatic fauna
4. a landscape, natural character and visual effects assessment of the project including effects on rural landscape and the Te Aroha West settlement
5. an acoustic assessment that identifies:
 - a. the effect of noise from the solar farm on the amenity of nearby dwellings
 - b. any measures to mitigate noise effects
6. information on any discussions held, or any agreements made, between the applicant and Matamata-Piako District Council or Transpower about the following matters:
 - a. occupation of the road reserve for underground infrastructure
 - b. connecting to the national electricity grid.

An expert consenting panel appointed to consider Harmony Energy New Zealand Limited’s applications for resource consents for the Tauhei Solar Farm project must seek comments from the following additional persons/organisations:

1. Minister for Energy and Resources
2. Transpower New Zealand Limited.

Appendix four – Additional requirements specified by the Minister for the Environment under section 24(2) of the FTCA for Rotokauri North Holdings Limited's Rotokauri North – Stage 1 project

Rotokauri North Holdings Limited is required to provide with their applications for resource consents to an expert consenting panel:

1. a planning assessment which includes analysis of the project against:
 - a. the Decisions Version of Plan Change 7 to the Hamilton City District Plan (if this is available at the time of lodgement) or the Proposed Version if a decision has not been released at the time of lodgement
 - b. the Proposed Waikato District Plan
2. an integrated transport assessment including information about discussions held, and agreements made with, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
3. an ecological assessment which includes:
 - a. analysis of the effects of the project on freshwater values, birds, bats and lizards
 - b. analysis of the effects of the project on the nearby Significant Natural Area
 - c. results of surveys to confirm the presence/absence of black mudfish and giant kōkopu within the project site
 - d. fish salvage procedures
 - e. measures to ensure fish passage during construction
 - f. assessment of any biosecurity risks associated with the project
 - g. measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate ecological effects identified
4. a detailed assessment of:
 - a. the capacity of existing roading and three-waters infrastructure
 - b. upgrades to the infrastructure required to service the development
 - c. how the upgrades will be funded
5. a stormwater, hydrology and water quality assessment which includes:
 - a. a stormwater management plan
 - b. analysis of the effects of the project on Lake Rotokauri, having regard to climate change
 - c. analysis of the capacity of the Ngāruawāhia rural drainage scheme to service the development and any upgrades required to the scheme.

An expert consenting panel appointed to consider Rotokauri North Holdings Limited's applications for resource consents for the Rotokauri North – Stage 1 project must seek comments from the following additional persons/organisations:

1. Associate Minister for the Environment (Urban Policy)
2. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
3. Rotokauri North Tangata Whenua Working Group.