



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 10) 2022

Portfolio Environment

On 13 June 2022, 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 application for referral of Hughes Developments Limited's Faringdon Oval Project to a panel;
- 2 **noted** that the Faringdon Oval 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 2680 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs and 1360 indirect FTE jobs over an 8-year period;
 - 2.2 increasing housing supply by constructing 300 residential units and enabling the construction of approximately 744 residential units;
 - 2.3 progressing faster using the Act's processes than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes;
- 3 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 10) 2022 requires Hughes Developments Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel a transport infrastructure assessment, a three waters infrastructure assessment and a landscape and urban design assessment, which the Minister for the Environment specified under section 24(2) of the FTCA and outlined in his notice of decision on the referral application for the project (see Appendix three);
- 4 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 10) 2022 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Hughes Developments Limited's Faringdon Oval Project to seek comments from the Associate Minister for the Environment (Hon Phil Twyford) with responsibility for urban policy matters, as listed in Appendix three;
- 5 **authorised** submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 10) 2022 [PCO 24780/6.0];

- 6 **noted** 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 (No 10) 2022 comes into force on 17 June 2022.

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Secretary of the Cabinet