



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Summerset Rotorua) Amendment Order 2025

Portfolio **Environment**

On 10 February 2025, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that section 27(4)(b) of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act) allows a referral order to be amended by Order in Council to correct a minor error or omission;
- 2 **noted** that an amendment to clause 5 of Schedule 87 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Order 2020 is required to correct an omission in the approximate geographic location of the Summerset Rotorua project;
- 3 **noted** that the Minister for the Environment authorised an amendment to clause 5 of Schedule 87 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Order 2020 as a minor and technical amendment and directed officials to instruct the Parliamentary Counsel Office to draft the amendment without reference to Cabinet;
- 4 **noted** that the amendment complies with the statutory requirements of section 27(4)(b) and section 27(2) of the Act;
- 5 **authorised** submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Summerset Rotorua) Amendment Order 2025 [PCO 26995/5.0];
- 6 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Summerset Rotorua) Amendment Order 2025 (the Order) will come into force on 13 February 2025;
- 7 **noted** that a delay in publication of the Order may compromise the applicant's ability to obtain consent and undermine its purpose;
- 8 **noted** that a waiver of the 28-day rule is sought:
 - 8.1 so that the Order can come into force on 13 February 2025;
 - 8.2 on the grounds that delaying publication of the Order would undermine its purpose;
- 9 **agreed** to waive the 28-day rule so that the Order comes into force on 13 February 2025.

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Secretary of the Cabinet