



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No. 2) 2020

Portfolio                      Environment

On 9 November 2020, Cabinet:

- 1        **noted** that the Minister for the Environment has decided under section 24 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA) to accept the following applications for referral to an expert consenting panel:
  - 1.1      Primeproperty Limited's Molesworth Street Office Development;
  - 1.2      Ryman Healthcare Limited's Kohimarama Comprehensive Care Retirement Village;
- 2        **noted** that Primeproperty Group Limited's Molesworth Street Office Development meets the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the FTCA, and is considered to help achieve the purpose of the Act by:
  - 2.1      providing specialist and local employment opportunities (up to 14 immediate full-time jobs in the first 18 months and another 200 full-time jobs in the following 30 months);
  - 2.2      promoting a vibrant and well-functioning urban environment that is well-connected by public transport by redeveloping a vacant site in the Wellington CBD;
  - 2.3      allowing adverse effects arising from the application and proposed mitigation measures to be tested through an expert consenting panel having regard to Part 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and the purpose of the FTCA;
- 3        **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects No. 2 Amendment Order 2020 directs Primeproperty Group Limited to provide to the expert consenting panel:
  - 3.1      a heritage report prepared by a heritage expert, as the site is adjacent to the heritage listed Cathedral of Saint Pauls;
  - 3.2      a preliminary site investigation (PSI) or detailed on-site investigation (DSI) report as the site is classified as contaminated land;
  - 3.3      a design statement as to how the proposal achieves design excellence;

- 3.4 a summary of any consultation undertaken with iwi or Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga;
- 3.5 an earthworks management plan;
- 3.6 a written approval from Wellington Water Limited if the proposal involves dewatering and/or the discharge of stormwater during works;
- 3.7 any additional information required to be submitted by the district council and the regional council if the application went through standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes;
- 4 **noted** that Ryman Healthcare Limited's Kohimarama Comprehensive Care Retirement Village meets the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the FTCA, and is considered to help achieve the purpose of the Act by:
- 4.1 providing specialist and local employment opportunities (up to 400 jobs over a duration of 36-48 months for the construction period, followed by 170 operational jobs once constructed);
- 4.2 benefiting the public by providing additional housing supply and aged care facilities, while supporting integrated urban development;
- 4.3 allowing adverse effects arising from the application and proposed mitigation measures to be tested through an expert consenting panel having regard to Part 2 of the RMA and the purpose of the FTCA;
- 5 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No. 2) 2020 directs the expert consenting panel appointed to consider Ryman Healthcare Limited's Kohimarama Comprehensive Care Retirement Village to seek comment from all those identified in Auckland Council's limited notification decision report as being affected parties and the Auckland District Health Board;
- 6 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No. 2) 2020 [PCO 23249/2.0];
- 7 **noted** that on 27 July 2020, Cabinet agreed to waive the 28-day rule so that Orders in Council made under the FTCA can come into force as soon as they are notified in the New Zealand Gazette [CAB-20-MIN-0353];
- 8 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No. 2) 2020 will come into force when notified in the New Zealand Gazette.

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Secretary of the Cabinet