



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 5) 2022

Portfolio Environment

On 28 March 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 Auckland Thoroughbred Racing Incorporated and Fletcher Residential Limited's The Hill – Ellerslie project to a panel;
- 2 **noted** that Auckland Thoroughbred Racing Incorporated and Fletcher Residential Limited's The Hill – Ellerslie project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18(3) of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020, and will help to achieve the Act's purpose, as required by section 18(2) of the Act, by:
 - 2.1 having positive effects on social well-being by generating employment and providing a diverse range of housing types, including terraced housing (which has the potential to be a lower-priced housing option);
 - 2.2 generating employment by providing approximately 61 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs in planning, design and consenting during years 1–3 and approximately 1,051 direct FTE jobs in construction during years 3–7;
 - 2.3 increasing housing supply through the provision of approximately 370 residential units;
 - 2.4 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 5) 2022 requires Auckland Thoroughbred Racing Incorporated and Fletcher Residential Limited to provide an infrastructure assessment, a stormwater assessment and draft stormwater management plan, an ecological assessment relating to the effects of increased stormwater flows, an integrated transport assessment and a contamination investigation to an expert consenting panel, as detailed in Appendix three to the submission under CAB-22-SUB-0093;

- 4 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 5) 2022 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Auckland Thoroughbred Racing Incorporated and Fletcher Residential Limited's The Hill – Ellerslie project to seek comments from Ngāti Koheriki Claims Committee, Auckland Transport, Watercare Services Limited, the Minister for Racing and the Minister for Seniors, as listed in Appendix three;
- 5 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 5) 2022 [PCO 24609/8.0];
- 6 **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];
- 7 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 5) 2022 will come into force on 1 April 2022.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet