



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 4) 2021

Portfolio Environment

On 12 April 2021, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Minister for the Environment has decided under section 24 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act) to accept the following applications for referral to a panel:
 - 1.1 Hughes Developments Limited's, Faringdon South West and South East Development;
 - 1.2 Summerset Villages (Waikanae) Limited's Summerset Retirement Village – Waikanae;
- 2 **noted** that Hughes Developments Limited's, Faringdon South West and South East Development project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the Act, and is considered to help achieve the purpose of the Act by:
 - 2.1 generating up to 13,000 FTE jobs in engineering, design and construction sectors over a 7-year planning and construction period;
 - 2.2 creating a further 400 FTE permanent jobs when the project is completed;
 - 2.3 providing economic benefits to the construction industry, which has been affected by COVID-19;
 - 2.4 increasing housing supply by up to 1,087 residential units (or up to 957 if a secondary school is developed) in an area that has been identified as unable to meet the medium-term housing demand;
 - 2.5 progressing faster than would otherwise be the case under the standard processes of the Resource Management Act 1991;
- 3 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 4) 2021 directs Hughes Developments Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel an emissions assessment, an integrated transport assessment, and a stormwater assessment;

- 4 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 4) 2021 directs that any expert consenting panel appointed to consider Hughes Developments Limited's, Faringdon South West and South East Development project seek comments from Christchurch City Council, Waimakariri District Council, Greater Christchurch Partnership, Mr Martin Towers, Nathaniel Heslop, Tania & Michael Croucher, New Zealand Defence Force, Michael Quinn, Freelance Canterbury Ltd, Peter Tilling, relevant Ngāi Tahu rūnanga, and Canterbury District Health Board;
- 5 **noted** that Summerset Villages (Waikanae) Limited's Summerset Retirement Village - Waikanae project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the Act, and is considered to help achieve the purpose of the Act by:
- 5.1 creating up to 30 FTE jobs in the first stage (earthworks) and up to 270 in the second stage (construction);
 - 5.2 resulting in a public benefit by providing additional housing supply and aged-care facilities for aged persons;
 - 5.3 providing investment into the Kāpiti Coast's aged care sector;
- 6 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 4) 2021 directs Summerset Villages (Waikanae) Limited to provide information on the project's effects on wetlands, mahoe trees, neighbouring properties and local roads to an expert consenting panel;
- 7 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 4) 2021 directs that any expert consenting panel appointed to consider Summerset Villages (Waikanae) Limited's Summerset Retirement Village - Waikanae project seeks comments from Capital and Coast District Health Board, Ferndale Residents' Association and Park Road Residents' Association;
- 8 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 4) 2021 [PCO 23689/6.0];
- 9 **noted** that on 27 July 2020, Cabinet agreed to waivers of the 28-day rule so that Orders in Council made under the Act can come into force as soon as they are notified in the New Zealand Gazette [CAB-20-MIN-0353];
- 10 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order 2021 (No 4) will come into force on 16 April 2021.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet