

Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Auckland Surf Park Community) Amendment Order 2023

Portfolio Environment

On 22 May 2023, 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 application for referral of the AW Holdings 2021 Limited's Auckland Surf Park Community Project to a panel;
- 2 **noted** that the Auckland Surf Park Community Project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18(3) of the Act, and will help achieve the Act's purpose, as required by section 18(2) of the Act, as it has the potential to:
 - 2.1 generate employment by creating approximately 2100 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs over a 4-year design and construction period and 200 ongoing FTE jobs;
 - 2.2 contribute to social wellbeing by providing opportunities for active recreation, and enhancing the ecological values of streams and wetlands;
 - 2.3 progress faster under the Act 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 (Auckland Surf Park Community) Amendment Order 2023 (the Amendment Order) requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider AW Holdings 2021 Limited's Auckland Surf Park Community Project to seek comments from the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Auckland Transport, Watercare Services Limited, Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency, Ngātiwai Trust Board, Ngāti Manuhiri Settlement Trust, Ngāti Whātua O Ōrākei Trust Board and Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trustee Limited, as listed in Appendix three, attached to the submission under CAB-23-SUB-0187;
- 4 **authorised** the submission of the Amendment Order [PCO 25546/4.0] to the Executive Council;
- 5 **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];

IN CONFIDENCE

6 **noted** that the Amendment Order will come into force on 28 May 2023.

Rachel Hayward Secretary of the Cabinet