



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 5) 2021

Portfolio Environment

On 10 May 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 applications for referral of Neil Construction Limited and Fletcher Residential Limited's, Beachlands project to a panel;
- 2 **noted** that Neil Construction Limited and Fletcher Residential Limited's, Beachlands 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 employment by providing up to 45 direct and 169 indirect full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs during years 1-2 of design, consenting and subdivision construction, and up to 98 direct and 349 indirect FTE jobs/year during years 3-7 whilst both subdivision and dwelling construction are being completed;
 - 2.2 providing housing supply via the construction of 235 new dwellings and provision of 24 vacant lots for future development;
 - 2.3 assisting to have positive effects on social wellbeing via the provision of additional housing in a range of typologies, including terrace housing which can provide a more affordable option at a time when house prices are rapidly escalating in the Auckland region;
 - 2.4 being likely to progress 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 5) 2021 directs Neil Construction Limited and Fletcher Residential Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel transportation, infrastructure, stormwater, ecological, urban design, landscape and visual, social impacts, soil contamination and transport related greenhouse gas emissions assessments as detailed in Appendix Four to the submission under CAB-21-SUB-0152;

- 4 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 5) 2021 directs an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Neil Construction Limited and Fletcher Residential Limited's, Beachlands project to seek comments from Ngāti Te Ata Claims Support Whānau Trust, Auckland Transport and Pine Harbour Living Limited (trading as Pine Harbour Water) on any consent application for the Beachlands project under consideration by that panel;
- 5 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 5) 2021 [PCO 23772/5.0];
- 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) 2021 will come into force on 14 May 2021.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet