



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 16) 2021 - Bellgrove and Federal Street Residences

**Portfolio**                      **Environment**

On 22 November 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 to accept the applications for referral of the following projects to a panel:
  - 1.1 P0012 Auckland NZ Pty Limited's Federal Street Residences project;
  - 1.2 Bellgrove Rangiora Limited's Bellgrove project;
- 2 **noted** that P0012 Auckland NZ Pty Limited's Federal Street Residences project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020, and is considered to help achieve the Act's purpose by having the potential to:
  - 2.1 have positive effects on social wellbeing by:
    - 2.1.1 providing additional housing in a location well-served by public transport;
    - 2.1.2 providing employment (including employment targeted to under-represented groups and the long-term unemployed);
    - 2.1.3 reflecting the historical use and cultural significance of the site in the building design;
  - 2.2 generate employment by providing approximately 327 direct full-time equivalent jobs per year over a four-year planning and construction period;
  - 2.3 increase housing supply through the provision of approximately 357 residential units for owner-occupier and rental uses;
  - 2.4 contribute to a well-functioning urban environment by providing:
    - 2.4.1 a variety of housing sizes with on-site amenities and good accessibility to jobs and public transport;
    - 2.4.2 ground floor public realm space;

- 2.5 support a transition to a low-emissions economy through a reduction in private vehicle use (by providing vehicle parking spaces for only 50 per cent (approximately) of the residential units);
- 2.6 minimise waste by diverting 80 per cent of construction waste away from landfill to be re-used for other purposes;
- 2.7 progress faster using the Act's processes than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes, provided that the applicant lodges their applications for resource consents with the Environmental Protection Agency in a timely manner following project referral;
- 3 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 16) 2021 requires P0012 Auckland NZ Pty Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel an infrastructure assessment, a wind tunnel assessment, street design details, and an integrated transport assessment, as detailed in Appendix three to the submission under CAB-21-SUB-0486;
- 4 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 16) 2021 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider P0012 Auckland NZ Pty Limited's Federal Street Residences project to seek comments from Auckland Transport, Watercare, Ngāti Koheriki Claims Committee and Skycity Entertainment Group, as listed in Appendix three;
- 5 **noted** that Bellgrove Rangiora Limited's Bellgrove project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020, and is considered to help achieve the Act's purpose by having the potential to:
  - 5.1 have positive effects on social well-being by providing additional housing in an area that has an identified housing shortfall and has been identified as an appropriate future growth area;
  - 5.2 generate employment by providing approximately 229 direct full-time equivalent jobs in planning, design, construction, sales and marketing;
  - 5.3 increase housing supply by developing approximately 209 residential units in an area that has an identified housing shortfall;
  - 5.4 progress faster by using the processes provided by the FTCA than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes, provided that the applicants lodge their notice of requirement in a timely manner following Project referral;
- 6 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 16) 2021 requires Bellgrove Rangiora Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel a detailed site investigation report, infrastructure assessment and engineering plan, assessments covering heritage, archaeology, stormwater, surface water, groundwater quality and quantity, ecology, urban design and potential transport related greenhouse gas emissions, an integrated transport assessment, and draft plans for erosion and sediment control, and construction management, as detailed in Appendix four;
- 7 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 16) 2021 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Bellgrove Rangiora Limited's Bellgrove project to seek comments from the Greater Christchurch Partnership, Christchurch City Council, and the relevant Papatipu Rūnanga as listed in Appendix four;

- 8 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 16) 2021 [PCO 24259/9.0];
- 9 **noted** that on 27 July 2020, Cabinet agreed to waivers of the 28-day rule so that Orders in Council made under the 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];
- 10 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 16) 2021 will come into force on 26 November 2021.

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for Secretary of the Cabinet

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