



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No. 4) 2020

Portfolio Environment

On 7 December 2020, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Minister for the Environment has decided under section 24 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA) to accept Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities and Porirua City Council's Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project – Infrastructure Works for referral to an expert consenting panel;
- 2 **noted** that Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities and Porirua City Council's Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project – Infrastructure Works meets the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the FTCA and is considered to help achieve the purpose of the Act by:
 - 2.1 providing 55 to 110 jobs in its first two years of construction and up to 260 jobs in the third and fourth years of construction;
 - 2.2 increasing the capacity of three waters infrastructure in eastern Porirua, enabling future urban growth in Porirua and addressing existing capacity and performance issues for infrastructure;
 - 2.3 improving environmental outcomes for freshwater quality in the long term as it will reduce wastewater overflows and may improve stormwater quality;
 - 2.4 ensuring any potential adverse effects and mitigation measures can be considered and determined by a Panel having regard to Part 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991 and the purpose of the FTCA;
- 3 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No. 4) 2020 (the Order) directs Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities and Porirua City Council to provide to a Panel the additional information as listed in Appendix One, attached to the submission under CAB-20-SUB-0500;
- 4 **noted** that the Order directs the expert consenting panel appointed to consider Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities and Porirua City Council's Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project – Infrastructure Works to seek comments from the groups listed in Appendix One;
- 5 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No. 4) 2020 [PCO 23350/5.0];

- 6 **agreed** to delegate authority to the Minister of Finance, Minister for the Public Service and Minister for the Environment to submit directly to the Executive Council, any further Orders in Council referring a project to an expert consenting panel under the FTCA over the period starting on 16 December 2020 and ending on 26 January 2021;
- 7 **noted** that on 27 July 2020, Cabinet agreed to waive the 28-day rule so that Orders in Council made under the FTCA can come into force as soon as they are notified in the New Zealand Gazette [CAB-20-MIN-0353];
- 8 **noted** that the Order will come into force when notified in the New Zealand Gazette.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

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