



Application for a project to be referred to an expert consenting panel

(Pursuant to Section 20 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020)

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This form must be used by applicants making a request to the responsible Minister(s) for a project to be referred to an expert consenting panel under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020.

All legislative references relate to the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act), unless stated otherwise.

The information requirements for making an application are described in Section 20(3) of the Act. Your application must be made in the approved form and contain all of the required information. If these requirements are not met, the Minister(s) may decline your application due to insufficient information.

Section 20(2)(b) of the Act specifies that the application need only provide a general level of detail, sufficient to inform the Minister’s decision on the application, as opposed to the level of detail provided to an expert consenting panel deciding applications for resource consents or notices of requirement for designations.

We recommend you discuss your application and the information requirements with the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) before the request is lodged. Please contact the Ministry:

Email: fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz

The Ministry has also prepared [Fast-track consenting guidance](#) to help applicants prepare applications for projects to be referred.

Applications must be submitted to the Minister via email: fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz

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Part I: Applicant

Applicant details

Person or entity making the request:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN by an EMPLOYEE OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE that was duly established under the provision of Section 6 of the Parliamentary Service Act 2000 (acting pursuant to authority given to the General Manager by THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF NEW ZEALAND under section 4B of the Public Works Act 1981).

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Part II: Project location

The application (click to place an "X" in the relevant box):

- does not relate to the coastal marine area
- relates partly to the coastal marine area
- relates wholly to the coastal marine area.

If the application relates to the coastal marine area wholly or in part, references to the Minister in this form should be read as the Minister for the Environment and Minister of Conservation.

Site address / location:

Rear of Executive Wing, 1 Molesworth Street, Wellington.

See site plan attached.

A cadastral map and/or aerial imagery to clearly show the project location will help.

Legal description(s):

Section 1 SO Plan 38114.

See certificate of title attached.

A current copy of the relevant Record(s) of Title will help.

Registered legal land owner(s):

Her Majesty the Queen

Detail the nature of the applicant's legal interest (if any) in the land on which the project will occur, including a statement of how that affects the applicant's ability to undertake the work that is required for the project:

The Applicant acts on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen

Part III: Project details

Description

Project name: Adaptation of the Executive Wing

Project description:

Please provide details of the proposed project, its purpose, objectives and the activities it involves, noting that Section 20(2)(b) of the Act specifies that the application need only provide a general level of detail.

The objective of the project is to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of Government decision-making by adapting the Executive Wing to accommodate all Ministers of the Crown in a way that compliments the Executive Wing and its setting and to seismic standard 100% NBS IL3 which is consistent with other comparable buildings within the Parliamentary Precinct.

The project involves the deconstruction/demolition of the rear part of the Executive Wing known as the Press Gallery and the construction of Ministerial accommodation as shown by the attached drawings.

The letter from the Speaker dated 22 July 2020 provides a fuller explanation of the project, its purpose, objectives and activities (Ministerial accommodation).

Where applicable, describe the staging of the project, including the nature and timing of the staging:

The project does not require staged implementation/construction.

The project will be commenced immediately upon resource consent being granted in the last quarter of 2020 which can be achieved if the project is a referred project under the Act.

Detail design and contractor procurement will occur in quarters 1 and 2 in 2021 with on site works commencing quarter 3 in 2021.

The project will be completed by the end of 2023.

Consents / approvals required

Relevant local authorities: Wellington City Council

Resource consent(s) / Designation required (click to place an "X" in the relevant box/s):

- Land-use consent Subdivision consent Coastal permit
 Water permit Discharge permit Designation
 Alteration to designation

Rule(s) consent is required under and activity status:

Please provide details of all rules consent is required under. Please note that Section 18(3)(a) of the Act details that the project **must not include** an activity that is described as a prohibited activity in the Resource Management Act 1991, regulations made under that Act (including a national environmental standard), or a plan or proposed plan.

Relevant plan / standard	Relevant rule / regulation	Reason for consent	Activity status	Location of proposed activity
District Plan	Rule 13.3.2	To enable assessment of the ground shaking risk associated with proposal	Restricted Discretionary Activity	Rear of Executive Wing, 1 Molesworth Street
District Plan	Rule 13.3.4	To enable assessment of the external design and appearance of the project using the Central Area Urban Design Guide	Restricted Discretionary Activity	Rear of Executive Wing, 1 Molesworth Street
District Plan	Rules 13.3.8 and 21A.2.1	To enable assessment of the heritage effects of the deconstruction/demolition of the Press Gallery and the heritage effects of the proposed adaption/modification of the Executive Wing with the proposed addition/new building work	Restricted Discretionary Activity	Rear of Executive Wing, 1 Molesworth Street
District Plan	Rule 21B.2.3	To enable assessment of earthworks within the Parliamentary Precinct Heritage Area	Restricted Discretionary Activity	Rear of Executive Wing, 1 Molesworth Street

It is confirmed that the project does not include an activity that is a prohibited activity under the RMA, its regulations, or Plan or Proposed Plan.

Resource consent applications already made, or notices of requirement already lodged, on the same or a similar project:

Please provide details of the applications and notices, and any decisions made on them. Schedule 6 clause 28(3) of the Act details that a person who has lodged an application for a resource consent or a notice of requirement under the Resource Management Act 1991 in relation to a listed project or a referred project, must withdraw that application or

notice of requirement before lodging a consent application or notice of requirement with an expert consenting panel under this Act for the same, or substantially the same, activity.

No resource consent applications have already been made for this project.

Resource consent(s) / Designation required for the project by someone other than the applicant, including details on whether these have been obtained:

No resource consents/designations are required for the project by someone other than the Applicant.

Other legal authorisations (other than contractual) required to begin the project (eg, authorities under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 or concessions under the Conservation Act 1987), including details on whether these have been obtained:

The areas necessary for ground disturbance for the project have previously been subject to extensive excavation when the Executive Wing was constructed. The likelihood that any archaeological resources will be encountered during the minor scale of earthworks required is therefore remote. Notwithstanding this, the accidental discovery protocol for archaeological resources will be adhered to and there will be engagement with Heritage NZ to determine if an archaeological authority will be required to be obtained prior to ground being disturbed.

Construction readiness

If the resource consent(s) are granted, and/or notice of requirement is confirmed, when do you anticipate construction activities will begin, and be completed?

Please provide a high level timeline outlining key milestones, eg, detailed design, procurement, funding, site works commencement and completion.

The Applicant wishes to commence on site works in the second quarter of 2021. This early start relies on the project being referred to an expert panel under the Act and consent granted in the fourth quarter of 2020.

Commencement will first involve deconstruction/demolition of the Press Gallery followed without delay by construction of the new building work.

The aim is for the project to be completed in 2023.

Part IV: Consultation

Government ministries and departments

Detail all consultation undertaken with relevant government ministries and departments:

There has been cross Party consultation regarding Parliamentary buildings and future accommodation with support for the objective that Parliament, Ministers and Members of Parliament should be accommodated on the Parliamentary Precinct, thus avoiding the need to lease floorspace outside the Precinct with associated elevated costs, risks, inefficiency, and treats to security and confidentiality.

For this specific project there has been consultation with Ministers. This has confirmed Ministerial support that all Ministers should be housed within the Executive Wing and acceptance that this will need to involve adaptation of the Executive Wing in the manner proposed.

Local authorities

Detail all consultation undertaken with relevant local authorities:

There has been consultation with the City Council's resource consent officers and their advisers, principally their heritage and urban design advisers. This consultation has assisted the Applicant to identify the consents required

under the Rules of the District Plan, how the application would be processed under the RMA (it would be publicly notified), and what information would be required.

Other persons/parties

Detail all other persons or parties you consider are likely to be affected by the project:

Heritage NZ

Detail all consultation undertaken with the above persons or parties:

In 2017 there was consultation with Heritage NZ (HNZ) regarding the project. At that stage the project was called the "New Ministerial Annex". HNZ's feedback dated 23 August 2017 is attached with the parts relevant to the project highlighted in green.

HNZ's feedback identifies the heritage significance of the Executive Wing, the other heritage buildings on the Precinct, and the Precinct itself as "outstanding and special heritage value, unique in New Zealand".

The feedback included that "Heritage New Zealand, in general, supports the proposals in the drawings". The drawings provided to HNZ in 2017 included drawings SK-208, SK-209 and SK-210 that are attached.

HNZ's feedback requested that as the detail design of the project is developed, they would look to ensure "excellent materials and detailing to enable the annex to match closely to but not equalling the accommodations of the Beehive", that the "design of the Governor General's entrance to match the dignity of the office" and that pleasant landscaping should be proposed "to avoid a harsh, hard backyard ambience". Conditions of resource consent will be proposed to provide HNZ with the input requested into the detail design.

Further consultation with HNZ occurred in 2020 regarding alternative options for Ministerial accommodation. During this consultation HNZ stated its preference for the retention of the existing external design and appearance of the Press Gallery because this most closely aligns with HNZ principles, the 2018 Conservation Plan for the Executive Wing, the Icomos NZ Charter 2014, and the Policy for Government Department's Management of Historic Heritage.

However this option does not achieve the key objective of the project to accommodate all Ministers within the Executive Wing and is therefore not proposed by the Applicant.

The Applicant acknowledges that while the partial deconstruction/demolition of the rear of the Executive Wing and its replacement proposal does not fully reflect heritage building conservation principles, the feedback given by HNZ in 2017 provides an appropriately weighted assessment of the heritage effects of the project, particularly acknowledgement by HNZ that the project will provide much needed accommodation for Ministers in the enlarged Executive Wing, thus reinforcing the heritage role of the building and Precinct, and that there are mitigating factors that make the project acceptable from a heritage perspective.

Part V: Iwi authorities and Treaty settlements

For help with identifying relevant iwi authorities, you may wish to refer to Te Kāhui Māngai – Directory of Iwi and Māori Organisations.

Iwi authorities and Treaty settlement entities

Detail all consultation undertaken with iwi authorities whose area of interest includes the area in which the project will occur:

Iwi authority	Consultation undertaken
	The location of the project is not identified in any statutory or non-statutory Plan as being of special importance to Maori. The location of the project is also not affected by any relevant Treaty settlements. Consultation has yet to occur with the relevant iwi authority but a Cultural Impact Assessment will be sought from them and included in the application for resource consent as required by the Act.

Iwi authority	Consultation undertaken

Detail all consultation undertaken with Treaty settlement entities whose area of interest includes the area in which the project will occur:

Treaty settlement entity	Consultation undertaken
	The location of the project is not identified in any statutory or non-statutory Plan as being of special importance to Maori. The location of the project is also not affected by any relevant Treaty settlements. Consultation has yet to occur with the relevant iwi authority but a Cultural Impact Assessment will be sought from them and included in the application for resource consent as required by the Act.

Treaty settlements

Treaty settlements that apply to the geographical location of the project, and a summary of the relevant principles and provisions in those settlements, including any statutory acknowledgement areas:

Section 18(3)(b) of the Act details that the project **must not include** an activity that will occur on land returned under a Treaty settlement where that activity has not been agreed to in writing by the relevant land owner.

The project does not involve land returned under a Treaty settlement.

Part VI: Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011

Customary marine title areas

Customary marine title areas under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 that apply to the location of the project:

Section 18(3)(c) of the Act details that the project **must not include** an activity that will occur in a customary marine title area where that activity has not been agreed to in writing by the holder of the relevant customary marine title order.

The project is not within a customary marine title area.

Protected customary rights areas

Protected customary rights areas under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 that apply to the location of the project:

Section 18(3)(d) of the Act details that the project **must not include** an activity that will occur in a protected customary rights area and have a more than minor adverse effect on the exercise of the protected customary right, where that activity has not been agreed to in writing by the holder of the relevant protected customary rights recognition order.

The project is not within a protected customary rights area.

Part VII: Adverse effects

Description of the anticipated and known adverse effects of the project on the environment, including greenhouse gas emissions:

In considering whether a project will help to achieve the purpose of the Act, the Minister may have regard to, under Section 19(e) of the Act, whether there is potential for the project to have significant adverse environmental effects. Please provide details on both the nature and scale of the anticipated and known adverse effects, noting that Section 20(2)(b) of the Act specifies that the application need only provide a general level of detail.

Resource consent is only required for restricted aspects of the project. These are identified in part III of this application. Potential adverse effects are therefore limited under the District Plan to (i) resilience to ground shaking (ii) urban design effects (iii) heritage effects and (iv) earthworks effects.

(i) Resilience to Ground Shaking

The project will address the adverse effects of the existing earthquake prone Press Gallery and provide Ministerial accommodation to 100% NBS (IL3) which will appropriately mitigate the potential adverse effects from ground shaking.

(ii) Urban Design Effects

The urban design effects of the project have been assessed by independent expert urban designers using the design guidance contained in the District Plan's Central Area Urban Design Guide. Their expert assessment is that the project has a high level of consistency with the Design Guide and will promote important aspects of it. The City Council's standard "Urban Design" resource consent condition will be proposed to enable specified detail design elements to be certified by the Council.

The project will therefore complement its setting within the Parliamentary Precinct and the wider Central Area streetscape as sought by the Central Area Urban Design Guide.

(iii) Heritage Effects

The project will have adverse heritage effects because the Press Gallery will be deconstructed/demolished. However, this is necessary to achieve the project objectives and there are mitigating factors including those identified by the Heritage NZ assessment dated 23 August 2017. There are also no better alternatives to meeting the project objective of accommodating all Ministers under the one roof.

Prior to selecting the project design, a range of alternative designs to meet the project objective of accommodating all Ministers under the one roof and retaining the Press Gallery were identified and assessed. These included trying to "shoehorn" additional Ministerial offices within the existing Executive Wing. This option would however destroy significant internal heritage fabric and fundamentally alter the original interior layout including loss of significant internal existing facilities. The option was not supported by Heritage NZ and is not supported by the Applicant.

Also assessed was the 2016 Government option to construct a new Ministerial building on the Precinct and convert the Executive Wing to Members accommodation. This option is not supported because of its significant adverse heritage effects – it would negate the executive hierarchy that underpins Sir Basil Spence's design of the Beehive (i.e. cabinet room at the top, Prime Minister's suite below, Ministerial suites on the lower floors plus executive facilities and function rooms).

A condition of resource consent will be proposed to enable specified heritage related detail design elements of the

project to be reviewed by Heritage NZ prior to certification by the City Council, as well as other heritage related conditions e.g. recording of the Press Gallery.

(iv) Earthworks

The area of earthworks necessary for the project is very small and limited to the adjoining rear area of the Executive Wing. This area has already been previously excavated and subject to significant disturbance when the Executive Wing was constructed. Any potential for adverse earthworks effects will be of short duration and avoided or appropriately mitigated by the City Council's standard resource consent condition that will be proposed. This requires the preparation and certification by the City Council of an "Earthworks Management Plan" prior to earthworks commencing.

Positive Effects

To assess the adverse effects without assessing the positive effects will produce an unbalanced assessment of the effects of the project. The positive effects are summarised in the next sections of this application.

The overall "in the round" assessment is that there will be a wide range of positive effects that are cumulatively significant and that these will well outweigh any adverse effects post conditions of resource consent.

Part VIII: National policy statements and national environmental standards

General assessment of the project in relation to any relevant national policy statement (including the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement) and national environmental standard:

The only NPS considered relevant to this project is the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity (NPSUDC).

A stated purpose of the NPSUDC is to recognise the national significance of "urban environments and the need to enable such environments to develop and change".

Listed among the NPSUDC's objectives in relation to "outcomes for planning decisions" is "OA1: Effective and efficient urban environments that enable people and communities and future generations to provide for their social, economic, cultural and environmental wellbeing".

The NPSUDC also seeks to promote "... the efficient use of urban land and development infrastructure ...".

The proposed adaptation of the Executive Wing so that it can safely accommodate all Ministers is strongly aligned with and will promote the NPSUDC mainly because it will:

- (i) Enhance the purpose of the Parliamentary Precinct by making better use of the Precinct and Executive Wing for Parliamentary purposes; and
- (ii) Enable change to this part of the urban environment to enhance whole of government Ministerial functioning and decision-making, improve efficiency, and thereby better provide for the social, economic, cultural and environmental wellbeing of New Zealand.

Part IX: Purpose of the Act

Your application must be supported by an explanation of how the project will help to achieve the purpose of the Act, being to “urgently promote employment to support New Zealand’s recovery from the economic and social impacts of COVID-19 and to support the certainty of ongoing investment across New Zealand, while continuing to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources”.

In considering whether the project will help to achieve the purpose of the Act, the Minister may have regard to the specific matters referred to below, and any other matter that the Minister considers relevant.

Project’s economic benefits and costs for people or industries affected by COVID-19:

Wellington’s consultancy, construction and services sectors have been hit hard by COVID-19. The adverse employment effects could worsen once the Government’s wage subsidy comes to an end.

This project will employ consultancy, construction and services personnel and thus positively contribute to the COVID-19 recovery as sought by the Act.

Recovery relies to a significant degree on the scale of investment which will in turn positively feed through into employment for Wellington’s consultancy, construction and services sectors.

The scale of investment that will be enabled by the referral of this project and the granting of resource consent will be significant ^{s 9(2)(b)(ii)} commencing immediately upon resource consent being granted and extending to project completion in 2023.

Provided resource consent is granted in the last quarter of 2020, this will result in average investment into the Wellington economy of ^{s 9(2)(b)(ii)} per month during 2021, ^{s 9(2)(b)(ii)} per month during 2022, and ^{s 9(2)(b)(ii)} per month during 2023.

This scale and duration of investment will feed into sustaining employment of people directly engaged in the project and those indirectly servicing the project.

Project’s effects on the social and cultural wellbeing of current and future generations:

The effects of the project on the social and cultural wellbeing of current and future generations will be significantly positive. This is because the project will enhance integrated public policy assessment and decision-making at a Ministerial level and positively contribute towards the social and cultural wellbeing of current and future generations of the people of New Zealand.

Whether the project would be likely to progress faster by using the processes provided by the Act than would otherwise be the case:

Consultation with the City Council resource consent officers has confirmed that if the project is advanced by way of an application for resource consent under the RMA, it will be publicly notified.

The normal RMA process will therefore be long (at least 18-24 months), expensive, and uncertain for the Applicant. Any outcome would be delayed until 2022 or beyond.

In contrast, referral of the project under the Act will enable the referred project to be assessed and the outcome delivered in the final quarter of 2020. This is significantly faster (by at least 18-24 months) than under the RMA.

In summary, referral will therefore bring forward by at least 2 years the flow of investment into Wellington and reflect

the urgency that is needed to promote employment to support Wellington's and New Zealand's recovery from the adverse economic and social impacts of Covid-19.

In addition to progressing faster, referral of this project will support the certainty of investment needed to support Wellington's and New Zealand's recovery from the adverse effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Normal resource consent processes for this project under the RMA are uncertain and will therefore not deliver the certainty and urgency of investment sought by the purpose of the Covid-19 Recovery Act.

Whether the project may result in a 'public benefit':

Examples of a public benefit as included in Section 19(d) of the Act are included below as prompts only.

Employment/job creation:

Referral of the project and the granting of resource consent will immediately enable the employment of people to undertake the detail design, project management and procurement of construction personnel. This phase will provide employment to approximately 50 people with the majority needing to be employed over the life of the project for project supervision etc.

Additional construction related employment will be between 100-150 persons covering the wide range of construction related trades and supply e.g. transport of materials, construction logistics, building construction, building fit out, commissioning of plant etc. It is estimated that approximately 50% of the above employment will be full time roles for the full construction duration with the remainder employed for periods at various times throughout construction.

Employment supported by the project will be materials and products manufacture and supply chains and third party support services such as electrical equipment certification, vehicle servicing, City Council building inspectors, compliance monitoring officers, security personnel and service/hospitality providers etc in the near vicinity of the project.

Housing supply:

The project does not involve housing.

Contributing to well-functioning urban environments:

The existing Press Gallery cannot be occupied because it is earthquake prone. It therefore does not contribute to a well-functioning urban environment that relies on buildings being safe and able to be used.

In contrast, the project will deliver safe and useable Ministerial accommodation with a high level of consistency with the Central Area Urban Design Guide and in a way that enhances the relationship with the balance of the Parliamentary Precinct to the west i.e. "Museum Street", and the wider Precinct.

Providing infrastructure to improve economic, employment, and environmental outcomes, and increase productivity:

Ministers are currently dislocated in various buildings. The adaption of the Executive Wing as proposed will provide the necessary infrastructure to accommodate all Ministers under the one roof, thus improving economic, employment and environmental outcomes by way of improved Ministerial processes and efficiency. This is nationally important.

Improving environmental outcomes for coastal or freshwater quality, air quality, or indigenous biodiversity:

The project will not directly improve coastal or freshwater quality, air quality or indigenous biodiversity. However once completed, the project will positively contribute in an ongoing way towards improving public policy making, including environmental outcomes, because Ministers will be accommodated in a fit purpose Executive Wing.

Minimising waste:

Parts of the existing Press Gallery will be salvaged during deconstruction and re-used in the project. At the detail design stage of the project, consideration will be given to waste minimisation initiatives during construction, including careful selection of material sizes, utilising local supplies where available, and reuse/recycling of by-products from construction.

Contributing to New Zealand's efforts to mitigate climate change and transition more quickly to a low-emissions economy (in terms of reducing New Zealand's net emissions of greenhouse gases):

The project will achieve a minimum 5-star GreenStar rating, and Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) principles will be used throughout to ensure a sustainable, healthy and energy efficient building is constructed.

Energy efficient services equipment will be used to reduce energy consumption and resources use. In addition, the existing Press Gallery basement accommodates services equipment for the Executive Wing. This will be replaced with more efficient equipment, so reducing energy consumption.

The new proposal will result in reduced energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions from day to day operation especially in comparison to the existing leased accommodation.

Promoting the protection of historic heritage:

The Executive Wing is a category 1 historic place and within the Government Centre Historic Area entered on the NZ Heritage List. It is also a heritage building and within the Parliamentary Precinct Heritage Area under the District Plan. The project involves the deconstruction/demolition of the rear part of the Executive Wing. This is not consistent with conservation building principles. There are however some mitigating factors as identified by consultation with Heritage NZ and addressed elsewhere in this application.

Strengthening environmental, economic, and social resilience, in terms of managing the risks from natural hazards and the effects of climate change:

The project will strengthen environmental, economic and social resilience in terms of managing risks from ground shaking by adapting the Executive Wing to remove the earthquake prone Press Gallery and replace this with Ministerial accommodation to 100% NBS (IL3) which is the appropriate minimum standard for critical facilities like Ministerial accommodation.

The housing of Ministers in at least IL3 standard accommodation will ensure continued Ministerial functioning in a major critical adverse event.

Other public benefit:

The project will positively contribute to the goal of accommodating all Parliamentary, Ministerial and Members of Parliament offices and support staff within the Parliamentary Precinct. Once achieved it will avoid the cost of leasing floorspace outside the Precinct (currently ^{s 9(2)(b)(ii)} per annum) and serve to reinforce the role and importance of the Precinct for Parliamentary purposes.

The project will not require additional roads or reticulated infrastructure from the City Council or its agents (i.e. Wellington Water Ltd).

Whether there is potential for the project to have significant adverse environmental effects:

The project will not have significant adverse environmental effects because assessed "in the round" the effects will be acceptable and positive.

Although there will be a loss of original heritage building fabric because of the removal of the Press Gallery, the project is preferable to destroying significant parts of the existing internal fabric and layout of the Beehive portion of

the Executive Wing in order to try and fit more Ministers into the confined and inefficient space, and preferable to the 2016 option involving changing the whole function of the Executive Wing.

The project can also be seen as reinforcing the heritage values of the Parliamentary Precinct by adapting the Executive Wing for the vital role that Government and Ministers in particular play in the health, welfare and wellbeing of the people of New Zealand.

Part X: Climate change and natural hazards

Description of whether and how the project would be affected by climate change and natural hazards:

The location of the project is identified under the District Plan as being partly within a “Hazard (Ground Shaking) Area”. The project will be designed to 100% NBS (IL3) which will provide an appropriately high level of resilience for Ministerial accommodation.

The location is sufficiently elevated above Wellington Harbour to be immune to the effects of climate change and sea level rise.

Part XI: Track record

A summary of all compliance and/or enforcement actions taken against the applicant by a local authority under the Resource Management Act 1991, and the outcome of those actions:

Local authority	Compliance/enforcement action and outcome
Greater Wellington Regional Council and Wellington City Council	No compliance and/or enforcement action has been taken against the Applicant under the RMA.
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Part XII: Declaration

By typing your name in the space provided, you are electronically signing this application form and certifying the information given in this application is true and correct.

David Wills

24 July 2020

Signature of person or entity making the request

Date

Important notes:

- Please ensure all sections, where relevant, of the application form are completed as failure to provide the required details may result in your application being declined.
- Further information may be requested at any time before a decision is made on the application.
- Information presented to the Minister for the Environment and/or Minister of Conservation (and the respective agencies) is subject to disclosure under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Certain information may be withheld in accordance with the grounds for withholding information under the OIA. Further information on the OIA is available at www.ombudsmen.parliament.nz.

Information held by the Minister(s) and the agencies may have to be released under the OIA in response to a request from a member of the public (or any other body) for that information unless there are grounds for withholding that information. The grounds for withholding must always be

balanced against considerations of public interest that may justify release. Although the Ministry for the Environment does not give any guarantees as to whether information can be withheld under the OIA, it may be helpful to discuss OIA issues with the Ministry for the Environment in advance if information provided with an application is commercially sensitive or release would, for instance, disclose a trade secret or other confidential information.

Checklist

Where relevant to your application, please provide a copy of the following information (click to place an "X" in each box to confirm):

- Correspondence from the registered legal land owner(s)
- Correspondence from persons or parties you consider are likely to be affected by the project
- Written agreement from the relevant landowner where the project includes an activity that will occur on land returned under a Treaty settlement.
- Written agreement from the holder of the relevant customary marine title order where the project includes an activity that will occur in a customary marine title area.
- Written agreement from the holder of the relevant protected customary marine rights recognition order where the project includes an activity that will occur in a protected customary rights area.

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