



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 8) 2021

Portfolio **Environment**

On 9 August 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 the following projects to a panel:
 - 1.1 Newmarket Holdings Development Limited Partnership's George Street Mixed Use Development project;
 - 1.2 Urban Resort Limited/Icon Co Pty (NZ) Limited's Ōmāhu Residential Development project;
- 2 **noted** that Newmarket Holdings Development Limited Partnership's George Street Mixed Use Development 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 having positive effects on social wellbeing by providing additional housing and a range of employment opportunities in the Auckland region;
 - 2.2 generating employment by providing up to 250 direct FTE jobs during a four-year planning and construction period and up to 135 direct FTE permanent jobs once the supermarket, retail and commercial tenancies are operational;
 - 2.3 increasing housing supply by enabling the development of approximately 324 residential units;
 - 2.4 having a positive effect on the local economy from an estimated 1000 new residents;
- 3 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 8) 2021 (the Amendment Order) directs Newmarket Holdings Development Limited Partnership to provide to a panel: plans and details, and urban design assessment, a wind tunnel assessment, a shadowing analysis, an integrated transport assessment, a stormwater management plan and information assessing the effects of the project on the role of the Newmarket, Business – Metropolitan Centre as detailed in Appendix three of the submission attached to CAB-21-SUB-0299;

- 4 **noted** that the Amendment Order directs an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Newmarket Holdings Development Limited Partnership's George Street Mixed Use Development project to seek comments from Ngāti Koheriki Claims Committee, Watercare and 56 submitters to Private Plan Change 44 of the Auckland Unitary Plan as listed in Appendix three;
- 5 **noted** that Urban Resort Limited/Icon Co Pty (NZ) Limited's Ōmāhu Residential Development project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the Act, and is considered to help achieve the purpose of the Act by:
- 5.1 having positive effects on social wellbeing by providing additional housing in an area that has been rapidly growing and has project housing capacity shortfall in the medium term, and by providing a range of employment opportunities including jobs targeted to at-risk groups and the long-term unemployed;
 - 5.2 generating employment by providing up to 200 direct and 200 indirect FTE jobs per year across the three years of the project;
 - 5.3 increasing housing supply via the construction of approximately 205 residential units;
- 6 **noted** that the Amendment Order directs Urban Resort Limited/Icon Co Pty (NZ) Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel: an integrated transport assessment, a heritage assessment which confirms the age of the two wooden bungalows on site, scheme plans showing assets to be vested in council, assessments for stability, acoustics, infrastructure, flooding, contamination, and assessment against the Auckland Unitary Plan as detailed in Appendix four of the submission attached to CAB-21-SUB-0299;
- 7 **noted** that the Amendment Order directs an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Urban Resort Limited/Icon Co Pty (NZ) Limited's Ōmāhu Residential Development project to seek comments from Ngāti Koheriki Claims Committee, Watercare and Auckland Transport as listed in Appendix four;
- 8 **authorised** submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 8) 2021 [PCO 23990/5.0];
- 9 **noted** that on 27 July 2020, Cabinet agreed to waivers of the 28-day rule so that Orders in Council made under the Act can come into force as soon as they are notified in the New Zealand Gazette [CAB-20-MIN-0353];
- 10 **noted** that Amendment Order will come into force on 13 August 2021.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet