



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

*This document contains information for the New Zealand Cabinet. It must be treated in confidence and handled in accordance with any security classification, or other endorsement. The information can only be released, including under the Official Information Act 1982, by persons with the appropriate authority.*

### COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order 2023

**Portfolio**                      **Environment**

On 31 January 2023, 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      Unispot Great South Limited's Great South Homes Park Project;
  - 1.2      Bulletin Trust's Waikanae North Project;
- 2        **noted** that the Great South Homes Park Project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18(3) of the Act, and will help achieve the Act's purpose, as required by section 18(2) of the Act, as it has the potential to:
  - 2.1      generate employment by providing approximately 1086 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs over an approximately 4-year period;
  - 2.2      increase housing supply by constructing approximately 338 residential units;
  - 2.3      progress faster than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes, provided that the applicant lodges their resource consent applications 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 (Great South Homes Park and Waikanae North) 2023 (the Order) requires Unispot Great South Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel a three-waters infrastructure assessment, information on stormwater management, a transport infrastructure assessment, an integrated transport assessment and an urban design assessment, which the Minister for the Environment specified under section 24(2) of the Act and outlined in my notice of decision on the referral application for the project (see Appendix three to the submission under CAB-23-SUB-0006);
- 4        **noted** that the Order requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Unispot Great South Limited's Great South Homes Park Project to seek comments from the Associate Minister for the Environment (Hon Phil Twyford), Auckland Transport, Watercare Services Limited, Veolia Water Services (ANZ) Pty Limited, Hauraki Māori Trust Board, Makaurau Marae Māori Trust, and Ngāti Koheriki Claims Committee, as listed in Appendix three to the submission under CAB-23-SUB-0006;

- 5 **noted** that the Waikanae North Project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18(3) of the Act, and will help achieve the Act's purpose, as required by section 18(2) of the Act, as it has the potential to:
- 5.1 generate employment by providing approximately 747 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs over an approximately 4-year period;
  - 5.2 increase housing supply by constructing approximately 410 residential units;
  - 5.3 progressing faster than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes, provided that the applicant lodges their resource consent applications with the Environmental Protection Agency in a timely manner following project referral;
- 6 **noted** that the Order requires Bulletin Trust to provide to an expert consenting panel a water and wastewater infrastructure assessment, information on stormwater management, a transport infrastructure assessment, an integrated transport assessment, a visual effects assessment, a draft construction management plan, a hydrology assessment, an ecological assessment, a land productivity assessment and confirmation of whether approvals are required from Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency for the project to proceed, which the Minister for the Environment specified under section 24(2) of the Act and outlined in my notice of decision on the referral application for the project (see Appendix four to the submission under CAB-23-SUB-0006);
- 7 **noted** that the Order requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Bulletin Trust's Waikanae North Project to seek comments from the Associate Minister for the Environment (Hon Phil Twyford), Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency, Te Rūnanga o Raukawa Incorporated, and Electra Limited, as listed in Appendix four to the submission under CAB-23-SUB-0006;
- 8 **authorised** submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (Great South Homes Park and Waikanae North) 2023 [PCO 25139/11.0];
- 9 **noted** that on 27 July 2020, Cabinet agreed to waive the standard 28-day rule relating to Orders in Council made under the Act [CAB-20-MIN-0353];
- 10 **noted** that the Order comes into force on 3 February 2023.

Rachel Hayward  
Secretary of the Cabinet