

## **Cabinet**

## Minute of Decision

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## COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (No 7) Amendment Order 2021

Portfolio Environment

On 5 July 2021, Cabinet:

- 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 Cappella Group Limited and Karaka North Village Limited's Karaka North Village project to a panel;
- 2 **noted** that Cappella Group Limited and Karaka North Village Limited's Karaka North Village 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 creating a new community within the Karaka North Precinct that will include residential, commercial and community activities, public open space and walking connections; and by promoting housing affordability by allowing for comprehensive development (multiple units) on residential lots;
  - 2.2 generating employment by providing an average of approximately 260 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs per year during years 1-6 of infrastructure construction works, and enable employment of approximately 850 FTE jobs per year during years 2-8 of vertical building works (including 850 residential units);
  - 2.3 increase housing supply by enabling the development of approximately 850 residential units;
  - 2.4 being likely to progress faster than would otherwise be the case under the standard processes of the Resource Management Act 1991;
- Order (No 7) 2021 directs Cappella Group Limited and Karaka North Village Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel: a report identifying any areas that are inconsistent with the Masterplan, Infrastructure Management Plan and Landscape Management Plan approved by Auckland Council for resource consent at the Project's site, assessments for transportation, infrastructure, stormwater, social impacts, landscape and planting, esplanade reserve requirements and potential greenhouse gas emissions, as detailed in Appendix Three to the submission under CAB-21-SUB-0261;

- 4 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 7) 2021 directs an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Cappella Group Limited and Karaka North Village Limited's Karaka North Village project to seek comments from Auckland Transport, Ngāti Koheriki Claims Committee, Ngāti Tamaterā Treaty Settlement Trust, and Ngaati Whanaunga Incorporated Society, as listed in Appendix Three;
- authorised the submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 7) 2021 [PCO 23926/2.0];
- 6 **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];
- 7 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 7) 2021 will come into force on 9 July 2021.

Michael Webster Secretary of the Cabinet