



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 17) 2021 - Lakeview-Taumata

Portfolio **Environment**

On 29 November 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 to accept the application for referral of QT Lakeview Developments Limited's Lakeview-Taumata project to a panel;
- 2 **noted** that QT Lakeview Developments Limited's Lakeview-Taumata project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020, and is considered to help achieve the Act's purpose by having the potential to:
 - 2.1 have positive effects on social well-being by providing employment opportunities and flow-on economic benefits, additional residential and commercial activities, and public open space in central Queenstown;
 - 2.2 generate employment by providing approximately 19 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs in planning and design, approximately 170 direct FTE jobs in construction, and approximately 54 direct FTE jobs in financing, sales, leasing and marketing, over a 2.5-year period;
 - 2.3 generate employment by providing approximately 180 permanent FTE jobs once the retail, commercial, hospitality and co-working activities are operational;
 - 2.4 increase housing supply through the construction of approximately 370 residential units, 137 of which are intended as co-living units (primarily studio residential units with shared spaces designed for short to medium term stay);
 - 2.5 result in a public benefit by contributing to a well-functioning urban environment through the provision of a variety of housing types, and good accessibility to jobs, community services and natural and open spaces;
 - 2.6 progress faster using the Act's processes than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes, provided that the applicant lodges their application for resource consents 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 (No 17) 2021 requires QT Lakeview Developments Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel a landscape and visual assessment, a preliminary or detailed site investigation report and a draft construction management plan, as detailed in Appendix three to the submission under CAB-21-SUB-0502;
- 4 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 17) 2021 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider QT Lakeview Developments Limited's Lakeview-Taumata project to seek comments from the relevant Ngāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnanga via their agents Aukaha (1997) Limited and Te Ao Mārama Incorporated, and the Upper Clutha Environmental Society Incorporated, as listed in Appendix three;
- 5 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 17) 2021 [PCO 24304/2.0];
- 6 **noted** that on 27 July 2020, Cabinet agreed to waivers of the 28-day rule so that Orders in Council made under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 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 17) 2021 will come into force on 3 December 2021.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet