



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Ngongotahā Housing Development and Lincoln Retirement Village) Amendment Order 2023

**Portfolio**                      **Environment**

On 26 June 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 to accept the applications for referral of the following projects to a panel:
  - 1.1      Watchman Residential Limited's Ngongotahā Housing Development Project;
  - 1.2      Arvida Group Limited's Lincoln Retirement Village Project;
- 2        **noted** that the Ngongotahā Housing Development Project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18(3) of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020, 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 479 direct full-time equivalent jobs over a 5-year construction period;
  - 2.2      increase housing supply through the construction of approximately 196 residential units;
  - 2.3      progress faster using the Act's processes than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes;
- 3        **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Ngongotahā Housing Development and Lincoln Retirement Village) Amendment Order 2023 requires Watchman Residential Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel the following information, which the Minister for the Environment specified under section 24(2) of the FTCA and outlined in my notice of decision on the referral application for the project:
  - 3.1      a flood hazard assessment, including modelling that accounts for the effects of climate change;

- 4 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Ngongotahā Housing Development and Lincoln Retirement Village) Ngongotahā Housing Development Project to seek comments from the following additional parties:
- 4.1 Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency;
  - 4.2 Ngati Tura Ngati Te Ngākau Hapu Trust;
  - 4.3 representatives of Ngāti Tuteaiti, Ngāti Ngararanui and Ngāti Rautao hapū;
- 5 **noted** that the Lincoln Retirement Village Project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18(3) of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020, 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 creating approximately 919 direct full-time equivalent jobs over an approximately 7-year design and construction period and approximately 66 full-time equivalent jobs through the ongoing operation of the retirement village;
  - 5.2 increase housing supply for aged persons through the construction of approximately 200 residential units;
  - 5.3 progress faster using the Act's processes than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes;
- 6 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Ngongotahā Housing Development and Lincoln Retirement Village) Amendment Order 2023 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Arvida Group Limited's Lincoln Retirement Village Project to seek comments from the following additional parties:
- 6.1 Minister for Seniors;
  - 6.2 Mahaanui Kurataiao Limited;
- 7 **authorised** submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Ngongotahā Housing Development and Lincoln Retirement Village) Amendment Order 2023 [PCO 25638/7.0];
- 8 **noted** that on 27 July 2020, Cabinet agreed to waive the standard 28-day rule relating to Orders in Council made under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 [CAB-20-MIN-0353];
- 9 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Ngongotahā Housing Development and Lincoln Retirement Village) Amendment Order 2023 comes into force on 3 July 2023.

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Acting Secretary of the Cabinet