



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Maraekakaho, Kings, and Brookby Quarries) Amendment Order 2023

Portfolio Environment

On 6 June 2023, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Minister for the Environment (the Minister) 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 RW and MC Gale Family Trust's Maraekakaho Quarry project;
 - 1.2 Kings Quarry Limited's Kings Quarry project;
 - 1.3 Brookby Quarries Limited's Brookby Quarry–Stage 3 project;
- 2 **noted** that the Maraekakaho Quarry 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 creating approximately 20 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs, and enable further regional employment in construction through providing a supply of aggregate;
 - 2.2 facilitate construction of roads and infrastructure in the Hawke's Bay region;
 - 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 (Maraekakaho, Kings, and Brookby Quarries) Amendment Order 2023 (the Amendment Order) requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider the Maraekakaho Quarry project to seek comments from the parties listed in Appendix Three, attached to the submission under CAB-23-SUB-0209;

- 4 **noted** that the Kings Quarry 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:
- 4.1 generate employment by creating 22 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs and enabling employment in the construction sector;
 - 4.2 facilitate construction, including construction of infrastructure, in the Auckland region;
 - 4.3 progress faster using the Act's processes than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes;
- 5 **noted** that the Amendment Order requires Kings Quarry Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel details of proposed offsetting and compensation to address adverse ecological effects, including details of consultation undertaken, with their resource consent applications to a panel, as outlined in Appendix Four, attached to the submission under CAB-23-SUB-0209, and which the Minister specified under section 24(2) of the Act and outlined in the notice of decision on the referral application for the project;
- 6 **noted** that the Amendment Order requires the expert consenting panel appointed to consider Kings Quarry Limited's Kings Quarry project to seek comments from the nine parties listed in Appendix Four;
- 7 **noted** that the Brookby Quarry–Stage 3 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:
- 7.1 generate employment by creating approximately 65 FTE jobs over the life of the project;
 - 7.2 facilitate construction, including construction of infrastructure, in the Auckland region;
 - 7.3 progress faster using the Act's processes than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes;
- 8 **noted** that the Amendment Order requires Brookby Quarries Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel details of proposed offsetting and compensation to address adverse ecological effects, including details of consultation undertaken, with their resource consent applications to a panel, as outlined in Appendix Five, attached to the submission under CAB-23-SUB-0209, and which the Minister specified under section 24(2) of the Act and outlined in his notice of decision on the referral application for the project;
- 9 **noted** that the Amendment Order requires the expert consenting panel appointed to consider Brookby Quarries Limited's Brookby Quarry–Stage 3 project to seek comments from the six parties listed in Appendix Five, attached to the submission under CAB-23-SUB-0209;
- 10 **authorised** the submission of the Amendment Order [PCO 25601/6.0] to the Executive Council;
- 11 **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];

12 **noted** that the Amendment Order 2023 will come into force on 12 June 2023.

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Secretary of the Cabinet