



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Metlifecare Retirement Village – Karori) Amendment Order 2023

Portfolio                      Environment

On 15 May 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 application for referral of Metlifecare Retirement Villages Limited’s Metlifecare Retirement Village – Karori Project to a panel;
- 2        **noted** that the 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 creating approximately 304 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs and 864 indirect FTE jobs over a 6-year design and construction period;
  - 2.2      contribute to housing supply by constructing approximately 80 independent-living residential units and 55 care suites;
  - 2.3      progress faster than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 process;
- 3        **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Metlifecare Retirement Village – Karori) Amendment Order 2023 (the Order) requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Metlifecare Retirement Villages Limited’s Project to seek comments from the Minister for Seniors, Wellington Water Limited and The Selwyn Foundation, as listed in Appendix three to the submission under CAB-23-SUB-0171;
- 4        **authorised** submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Metlifecare Retirement Village—Karori) Amendment Order 2023 [PCO 25525/4.0];
- 5        **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];

6 **noted** that the Order comes into force on 19 May 2023.

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Secretary of the Cabinet