



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order 2021

Portfolio                      Environment

On 26 January 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 (FTCA) to accept the following applications for referral to a panel:
  - 1.1      Silverlight Studio Limited's, Silverlight Studios;
  - 1.2      Otago Viticulture and Oenology Limited's (trading as Brennan Wines), Brennan winery, restaurant, education and event complex;
  - 1.3      CPM 2019 Limited's, Nola Estate;
- 2        **noted** that Silverlight Studio Limited's, Silverlight Studios project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the FTCA, and is considered to help achieve the purpose of the Act by:
  - 2.1      providing employment opportunities with up to 300 jobs during the construction phase and up to 1,200 jobs during operation;
  - 2.2      providing training opportunities to enable people impacted by the economic impacts of COVID-19 to upskill in the film sector;
  - 2.3      creating economic benefits for Queenstown Lakes District, the Otago Region and the film industry, being people and industries affected by COVID-19;
  - 2.4      enabling the project to progress faster by using the processes provided by the FTCA than would otherwise be the case;
- 3        **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order 2021 (the Order) directs Silverlight Studios Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel integrated transport and lighting assessments and three waters services report as detailed in Appendix three, attached to the submission under CAB-21-SUB-0002;
- 4        **noted** that the Order directs an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Silverlight Studios Limited's, Silverlight Studios to seek comments from the Minister for Economic and Regional Development, Minister of Immigration, Queenstown Airport Corporation Limited, New Zealand Transport Agency and Fire and Emergency New Zealand;

- 5 **noted** that Otago Viticulture and Oenology Limited's (trading as Brennan Wines), Brennan winery, restaurant, education and event complex meets the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the FTCA, and is considered to help achieve the purpose of the Act by:
- 5.1 providing specialist and local employment opportunities for construction jobs and ongoing permanent jobs in the Otago wine-making region and other regions;
  - 5.2 creating economic benefits for the winemaking industry, being an industry affected by COVID-19, by upskilling New Zealanders into the viticultural and winemaking workforce;
  - 5.3 enabling construction to start sooner than if consents were sought through standard Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) processes;
- 6 **noted** that the Order directs an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Otago Viticulture and Oenology Limited's Brennan winery, restaurant, education and event complex to seek comments from the New Zealand Transport Agency as detailed in Appendix four, attached to the submission under CAB-21-SUB-0002;
- 7 **noted** that CPM 2019 Limited's, Nola Estate meets the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the FTCA, and is considered to help achieve the purpose of the Act by:
- 7.1 providing employment opportunities for an estimated 609 Full Time Equivalent construction jobs and ongoing additional permanent jobs;
  - 7.2 providing broader short-term and long-term economic benefits associated with the construction workforce and more people settling in the area;
  - 7.3 increasing housing supply by enabling the development of two, three and four bedroom residential units in response to the housing supply shortage in Auckland;
  - 7.4 enabling construction to start sooner than if consents were sought through standard RMA processes;
- 8 **noted** that the Order directs CPM 2019 Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel integrated transport, stormwater, infrastructure, urban design and landscape and visual assessments as detailed in Appendix five, attached to the submission to CAB-21-SUB-0002;
- 9 **noted** that the Order directs an expert consenting panel appointed to consider CPM 2019 Limited's, Nola Estate to seek comments from Auckland Transport, Watercare Services Limited, representatives of Hoani Waititi Marae and Ngāti Te Ata Claims Support Whānau Trust, as listed in Appendix five;
- 10 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order 2021 [PCO 23413/2.0];
- 11 **noted** that on 27 July 2020, Cabinet agreed to waive the 28-day rule so that Orders in Council made under the FTCA can come into force as soon as they are notified in the New Zealand Gazette [CAB-20-MIN-0353];
- 12 **noted** that the Order will come into force the day after publication in the New Zealand Gazette.

Michael Webster  
Secretary of the Cabinet