

## **In Confidence**

### **Office of the Minister for the Environment**

#### **Chair, Cabinet**

### **COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Marton and Ōpunake Solar Farms) Amendment Order 2023**

#### **Proposal**

- 1 This paper seeks authorisation for submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Marton and Ōpunake Solar Farms) Amendment Order 2023 (the Amendment Order).
- 2 The Amendment Order amends the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Order 2020 to include as projects referred to an expert consenting panel (panel):
  - 2.1 Energy Farms Limited's Marton Solar Farm
  - 2.2 Energy Farms Limited's Ōpunake Solar Farm.

#### **Executive Summary**

- 3 The COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA) is one of the Government's temporary actions to support New Zealand's economic recovery from COVID-19. The FTCA enables any person to apply to me, as Minister for the Environment, to fast-track certain approvals required under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) for their project.
- 4 Projects that I accept are referred to a panel by an amendment to the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Order 2020, subject to Cabinet's agreement. This allows an applicant to lodge resource consent applications and/or notices of requirement for a designation with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for consideration by a panel.
- 5 Before granting RMA approvals a panel must conduct a merit-based assessment of the project's actual and potential effects and test these against the requirements of both Part 2 of the RMA and the purpose of the FTCA.
- 6 I received applications from Energy Farms Limited to fast-track the following projects:
  - 6.1 Marton Solar Farm
  - 6.2 Ōpunake Solar Farm.
- 7 The Marton Solar Farm project is to construct and operate a solar farm supplying up to 110 Megawatt-peak of electricity to the national grid, on a 194-hectare site approximately two kilometres south of Marton in Rangitikei District. The Ōpunake Solar Farm project is to construct and operate a solar farm supplying up to 110 Megawatt-

peak of electricity to the national grid on a 188-hectare site approximately nine kilometres north of Ōpunake in South Taranaki.

- 8 I sought written comments on the applications from the relevant local authorities, relevant Ministers prescribed by the FTCA including the Minister of Energy and Resources and the Minister of Agriculture, and from Transpower New Zealand Limited (Transpower).
- 9 For the Ōpunake Solar Farm project I also sought comments from Powerco Limited (Powerco).
- 10 For each project I considered all comments received and the reports prepared under section 17 of the FTCA. I also requested and considered further information from the applicants and the local authorities.
- 11 I have accepted both projects for referral as I am satisfied they each meet the eligibility criteria specified in section 18 of the FTCA. Both projects will help achieve the FTCA's purpose by generating employment, providing infrastructure that will contribute to improving economic and employment outcomes, and contributing to New Zealand's efforts to mitigate climate change and transition more quickly to a low emissions economy.
- 12 I consider both projects will likely progress faster using the FTCA processes than if consents were sought through standard RMA processes, and any actual and potential effects on the environment, together with any measures to mitigate, offset or compensate for adverse effects, can be considered and determined by a panel subject to Part 2 of the RMA and the purpose of the FTCA.
- 13 I now seek authorisation for submission of the Amendment Order to the Executive Council. The Amendment Order enables Energy Farms Limited to apply via the EPA to a panel for the relevant approvals needed under the RMA for each project, in accordance with the process in the FTCA.

## **Background**

- 14 The FTCA is one of the Government's temporary actions to support New Zealand's economic recovery from COVID-19, by promoting employment and supporting on-going investment. Access to the FTCA referral process remains in place until the FTCA is repealed in July 2023.
- 15 The FTCA enables any person to apply to me, in my role as Minister for the Environment, to access the fast-track consenting process for their project. If I accept an application, the project is referred by Order in Council – specifically, via an amendment that adds the project as a new schedule to the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Order 2020 – subject to Cabinet's agreement. This allows an applicant to lodge a resource consent application or notice of requirement for a designation with the EPA for consideration and decision by a panel.
- 16 Panels are appointed by Panel Convener Judge Laurie Newhook and are constituted according to the specific representation, skills and knowledge required for the project under consideration. Before a panel grants any RMA approvals for the project it must, among other things, consider comments from invited parties on the applications for these approvals, assess the project's actual and potential effects, and test these effects against the requirements of Part 2 of the RMA and the purpose of the FTCA.

As part of this process the panel may seek further information from a range of parties, including those invited to comment.

- 17 I receive weekly updates on the projects accessing the fast-track provisions and their progress.
- 18 As of 20 June 2023, 167 applications have been made under the FTCA to refer projects to a panel, of which:
  - 18.1 88 projects have been referred and Orders in Council gazetted. Details are in Appendix one. In summary, for these projects:
    - 18.1.1 36 have been granted RMA approvals by a panel (Kapuni Green, Ariki Tahī Sugarloaf Wharf, Botanic Riverhead are under appeal)
    - 18.1.2 2 have had applications for RMA approvals declined by a panel
    - 18.1.3 14 are under active panel consideration
    - 18.1.4 34 have yet to lodge RMA applications
    - 18.1.5 2 have subsequently decided not to seek RMA approvals through the panel process or have withdrawn from a panel process before it was completed.
  - 18.2 20 projects have been accepted for referral and are awaiting Orders in Council. This includes the projects that are the subject of this paper
  - 18.3 3 referral applications are being processed and are yet to receive referral decisions
  - 18.4 40 referral applications have been declined for a range of reasons including not meeting the purpose of the FTCA and it being more appropriate for them to go through the standard RMA consenting process
  - 18.5 16 referral applications have been withdrawn by the applicants.
- 19 I am not required to make referral decisions on projects listed in Schedule 2 of the FTCA. Authorised persons or entities for these projects may lodge their applications for RMA approvals with the EPA at any time while the relevant FTCA provisions are in force. An update on the listed projects is in Appendix two.

#### **Project for referral: Marton Solar Farm**

- 20 Energy Farms Limited applied to use the fast-track consenting process for the Marton Solar Farm project. The project is to construct and operate a solar farm on an approximately 194-hectare site at 1646 Wellington Road, Marton, Rangitikei District and to connect to and supply electricity to the national grid via existing 110kV Transpower transmission lines. The solar farm will have an output of 80–110 Megawatts-peak, and will include:
  - 20.1 approximately 230,000 solar panels, occupying approximately 154 hectares
  - 20.2 inverter cabinets, arrays and mounting structures
  - 20.3 16 inverter stations, a substation and a transformer


20.4 an energy storage facility and underground electricity cables

20.5 accessways for vehicles.


- 21 The project requires land use consents under the Rangitikei District Plan, land use consent and a water permit under the Horizons Regional One Plan and resource consents under the Resource Management (National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health) Regulations 2011 (NES-CS) and the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020 (NES-F).
- 22 I sought written comments on the referral application from the relevant local authorities – Rangitikei District Council (RDC) and Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council (Horizons), from relevant Ministers as determined by section 21(6) of the FTCA including the Minister of Energy and Resources and Minister of Agriculture, and from Transpower.
- 23 To better understand the investment certainty of this project, I sought further information under section 22 of the FTCA from the applicant. I also sought further information from Horizons relating to a designation affecting part of the project site for which Horizons is the requiring authority.

#### *Overview of comments*


24 s 9(2)(f)(ii), s 9(2)(g)(i)




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27 s 9(2)(f)(ii), s 9(2)(g)(i)



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31 RDC opposed project referral and considered it would be more appropriate for RDC to process consents for the project as RDC has the benefit of local knowledge and [understanding of the] context of the site and surrounding area. RDC advised the area surrounding Marton includes some of the most fertile land in the south-western North Island, and the project is located on one of the main roads into Marton and has potential to generate significant adverse effects on rural landscape character and visual amenity. RDC considered the Marton community has a significant interest in the loss or alteration of rural character and amenity that would result from the project.

32 I consider a panel can appropriately assess the project's effects, including on landscape character and visual amenity, under FTCA process. However, to assist the panel's consideration of these matters I have specified in the Amendment Order that the applicant must submit a landscape and visual assessment with their consent applications.

33 RDC also advised that the western corner of the project site is within a designation in the Rangitikei District Plan relating to the RNZAF Base Ohakea, for which the Minister of Defence is the requiring authority. s 9(2)(f)(ii), s 9(2)(g)(i)

I am advised that the designation is unlikely to create any significant issue for the project, however to ensure any effects on the operation of the Ohakea air base are taken into account, I have specified in the Amendment Order that a panel must invite comments from the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF).

34 Horizons was neutral on project referral. Horizons identified that project benefits include job creation and provision of renewable energy, and that potential issues include ecological impacts and effects on a designated flood retention dam on the project site that is managed by Horizons. Horizons considered an assessment of existing and predicted post-development stormwater runoff was needed to determine whether Energy Farms Limited would need to seek Horizons' approval for effects on this flood retention dam.

35 Transpower neither supported nor opposed project referral and noted that Energy Farms Limited proposes to connect the generation to Transpower's Marton Substation, via Transpower's existing 110kV Bunnythorpe-Whanganui A transmission line. Transpower advised that this will require a new substation and since the project is not yet in Transpower's queue management system for new connections, it may be at least three years before any electricity generated from the project could be connected to the national grid. I have taken this into consideration in making my decision on project referral.

## *Decision*

- 36 In making my decision, and in accordance with section 24 of the FTCA, I considered the application and further information received, all comments and requests for directions to the applicant and a panel provided in response to my invitation, and the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the FTCA. I also considered the report prepared under section 17 of the FTCA.
- 37 I have decided to accept Energy Farms Limited's application for referral of the Marton Solar Farm project to a panel. I am satisfied the project meets the eligibility criteria in sections 18(2) and 18(3) of the FTCA. I consider it will help achieve the FTCA purpose as it has the potential to:
- 37.1 generate employment by creating approximately 445 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs over a 24-month construction period and approximately 33 ongoing FTE jobs
  - 37.2 provide infrastructure that will contribute to improving economic and employment outcomes
  - 37.3 contribute to New Zealand's efforts to mitigate climate change and transition more quickly to a low emissions economy by increasing New Zealand's renewable energy generation
  - 37.4 progress faster than would otherwise be the case under standard RMA processes.
- 38 To address matters raised by the local authorities, I have decided to specify the applicant must provide the following information with their resource consent applications to a panel:
- 38.1 a landscape assessment of any visual effects of the solar farm on the biophysical features and rural character of the surrounding landscape (from the vantage points of both public and private land), and any cumulative visual effects of solar farms on those features and that character
  - 38.2 an assessment of stormwater flows onto and from the project site before and after construction of the solar farm, and which identifies any anticipated effects of those stormwater flows, after the solar farm is constructed, on the operation of the detention dam (including the ponding area) that is located on part of the project site.
- 39 The FTCA requires a panel to invite comments from the relevant local authorities, relevant iwi authorities and Treaty settlement entities, specific Ministers, owners and occupiers of adjacent land, specific non-governmental organisations and other groups listed in the FTCA<sup>1</sup>. In addition to these requirements and to address matters raised, I have decided to specify a panel must seek comment on Energy Farms Limited's resource consent applications from the following parties:
- 39.1 Minister of Energy and Resources
  - 39.2 Minister of Agriculture

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<sup>1</sup> Clause 17(6) of Schedule 6, FTCA.

39.3 NZDF

39.4 Transpower

39.5 Te Runanga o Raukawa Incorporated.

40 I consider any actual and potential effects on the environment, together with any measures to mitigate, offset or compensate for adverse effects, can be appropriately tested by a panel against Part 2 of the RMA and the purpose of the FTCA. The additional material that must be submitted to a panel will assist with this.

41 I consider there are no reasons to decide under section 24(2) of the FTCA to:

41.1 limit the scope of the project by referring it only in part

41.2 refer the project in stages

41.3 place any restrictions on the project

41.4 impose specific timeframes for panel consideration.

#### **Project for referral: Ōpunake Solar Farm**

42 Energy Farms Limited applied to use the fast-track consenting process for the Ōpunake Solar Farm project. The project is to construct and operate a solar farm on an approximately 188-hectare site at Upper Kina Road, approximately nine kilometres north of Ōpunake, Taranaki, and to connect and supply electricity to the national grid via existing 33kV Powerco transmission lines. The solar farm will have an output of 80–110 Megawatts-peak, and will include:

42.1 approximately 152,000 solar panels

42.2 inverter cabinets, arrays and mounting structures

42.3 11 inverter stations and a substation

42.4 an energy storage facility and underground electricity cables

42.5 accessways for vehicles.

43 The project requires land use consents under the South Taranaki District Plan, water and discharge permits under the Taranaki Regional Freshwater Plan, and resource consents under the NES-CS and the NES-F.

44 I sought written comments on the referral application from the relevant local authorities – South Taranaki District Council (SDC) and Taranaki Regional Council (TRC), from relevant Ministers as determined by section 21(6) of the FTCA including the Minister of Energy and Resources and Minister of Agriculture, and from Transpower and Powerco.

45 To better understand the investment certainty of this project, I sought further information on project funding under section 22 of the FTCA from the applicant.

### Overview of comments

- 46 s 9(2)(f)(ii), s 9(2)(g)(i)
- 47 s 9(2)(f)(ii), s 9(2)(g)(i)
- 48 s 9(2)(f)(ii), s 9(2)(g)(i)
- 49 s 9(2)(f)(ii), s 9(2)(g)(i)
- 50 s 9(2)(f)(ii), s 9(2)(g)(i)
- 51 s 9(2)(f)(ii), s 9(2)(g)(i)
- 52 s 9(2)(f)(ii), s 9(2)(g)(i)
- 53 STDC supported project referral, and considered the project provides a significant advancement in renewable energy alternatives for the South Taranaki District and New Zealand. STDC identified a number of matters, such as loss of productive land, reverse sensitivity effects, effects on wetlands and waterbodies, visual and ecological effects, natural hazards, and fire risk that will need to be further considered.
- 54 Transpower supported project referral and noted the applicant proposes to connect to the national grid at Transpower's Ōpunake Substation, via an upgrade to a Powerco 110kV line. Transpower also advised that this upgrade could take three years. In the meantime, the applicant proposes to connect via an existing 33kV Powerco line,



meaning the supply of electricity to the national grid will be less than the proposed generation capacity of the solar farm over this time. To partially address the issue, the applicant proposes a battery storage facility as part of the project, allowing for electricity distribution into the national grid during the evening when the solar farm is not generating. I took this matter into consideration when making my decision on project referral.

### *Decision*

- 55 In making my decision, and in accordance with section 24 of the FTCA, I considered the application and further information received, all comments and requests for directions to the applicant and a panel provided in response to my invitation, and the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the FTCA. I also considered the report prepared under section 17 of the FTCA.
- 56 I have decided to accept Energy Farms Limited's application for referral of the Ōpunake Solar Farm to a panel. I am satisfied the project meets the eligibility criteria in sections 18(2) and 18(3) of the FTCA. I consider it will help achieve the FTCA purpose as it has the potential to:
- 56.1 generate employment by creating approximately 306 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs over a 24-month construction period and approximately 54 ongoing FTE jobs
  - 56.2 provide infrastructure that will contribute to improving economic and employment outcomes
  - 56.3 contribute to New Zealand's efforts to mitigate climate change and transition more quickly to a low emissions economy by increasing New Zealand's renewable energy generation
  - 56.4 progress faster than would otherwise be the case under standard RMA processes.
- 57 The FTCA requires a panel to invite comments from the relevant local authorities, relevant iwi authorities and Treaty settlement entities, specific Ministers, owners and occupiers of adjacent land, specific non-governmental organisations and other groups listed in the FTCA<sup>2</sup>. In addition to these requirements and to address matters raised, I have decided to specify a panel must seek comment on Energy Farms Limited's resource consent applications from the following parties:
- 57.1 Minister of Energy and Resources
  - 57.2 Minister of Agriculture
  - 57.3 Transpower
  - 57.4 Powerco.
- 58 I consider any actual and potential effects on the environment, together with any measures to mitigate, offset or compensate for adverse effects, can be appropriately tested by a panel against Part 2 of the RMA and the purpose of the FTCA.

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<sup>2</sup> Clause 17(6) of Schedule 6, FTCA.

59 I consider there are no reasons to decide under section 24(2) of the FTCA to:

59.1 limit the scope of the project by referring it only in part

59.2 refer the project in stages

59.3 place any restrictions on the project

59.4 impose specific timeframes for panel consideration.

### **Timing and 28-day rule**

60 Cabinet has agreed to waive the 28-day rule for Orders in Council relating to projects to be referred to a panel<sup>3</sup>. Therefore, the Amendment Order will come into force on the date specified in the Amendment Order. Energy Farms Limited may then lodge resource consent applications for the two projects with the EPA, for consideration by a panel.

### **Compliance**

61 The Amendment Order complies with:

61.1 the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi

61.2 the rights and freedoms contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 or the Human Rights Act 1993

61.3 the principles and guidelines set out in the Privacy Act 2020

61.4 relevant international standards and obligations

61.5 the Legislation Guidelines (2018 edition), which are maintained by the Legislation Design and Advisory Committee.

### **Regulations Review Committee**

62 I do not consider that there are grounds for the Regulations Review Committee to draw this Order in Council to the attention of the House of Representatives under Standing Order 319.

### **Certification by Parliamentary Counsel Office**

63 The Amendment Order has been certified by the Parliamentary Counsel Office as being in order for submission.

### **Impact Analysis**

#### *Regulatory Impact Assessment*

64 The Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) requirements for this proposal have been waived. Cabinet has agreed that a RIA is not required for Orders in Council relating to projects to be referred to a panel<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>3</sup> ENV-20-MIN-0033 and CAB-20-MIN-0353 refer

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## *Climate Implications of Policy Assessment*

- 65 The Climate Implications of Policy Assessment (CIPA) team at the Ministry for the Environment has been consulted and confirms that the CIPA requirements<sup>5</sup> do not apply to the projects.

### **Publicity**

- 66 The Amendment Order will be available on the New Zealand Legislation website following its notification in the New Zealand Gazette.
- 67 To meet my obligations under section 25 of the FTCA, I have directed the Ministry for the Environment to make my decisions to refer the projects to a panel for consideration, the reasons for these decisions, and the reports obtained under section 17 of the FTCA available to the public on the Ministry for the Environment's website.

### **Proactive release**

- 68 I intend to proactively release this paper on the Ministry for the Environment's website subject to redaction as appropriate under the Official Information Act 1982.

### **Consultation**

- 69 The Ministry for the Environment sought comment on this paper from Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Ministry for Culture and Heritage, Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry of Education, Department of Corrections, Land Information New Zealand, Treasury, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Ministry for Primary Industries, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Defence, Department of Internal Affairs, Department of Conservation and The Office for Māori Crown Relations – Te Arawhiti.

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<sup>5</sup> CO (20) 3 refers

## Recommendations

I recommend that Cabinet:

- 1 **note** that I have 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 Energy Farms Limited's Marton Solar Farm
  - 1.2 Energy Farms Limited's Ōpunake Solar Farm
- 2 **note** that the Marton Solar Farm 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 445 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs over a 24-month construction period and approximately 33 ongoing FTE jobs
  - 2.2 provide infrastructure that will contribute to improving economic and employment outcomes
  - 2.3 contribute to New Zealand's efforts to mitigate climate change and transition more quickly to a low emissions economy by increasing New Zealand's renewable energy generation
  - 2.4 progress faster using the Act's processes than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes
- 3 **note** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Marton and Ōpunake Solar Farms) Amendment Order 2023 requires Energy Farms Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel the following information, which I 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 landscape assessment of any visual effects of the solar farm on the biophysical features and rural character of the surrounding landscape (from the vantage points of both public and private land), and any cumulative visual effects of solar farms on those features and that character
  - 3.2 an assessment of stormwater flows onto and from the project site before and after construction of the solar farm and which identifies any anticipated effects of those stormwater flows, after the solar farm is constructed, on the operation of the detention dam (including the ponding area) that is located on part of the project site
- 4 **note** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Marton and Ōpunake Solar Farms) Amendment Order 2023 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Energy Farms Limited's Marton Solar Farm project to seek comments from the following additional parties:
  - 4.1 Minister of Energy and Resources
  - 4.2 Minister of Agriculture

- 4.3 the New Zealand Defence Force
- 4.4 Transpower New Zealand Limited
- 4.5 Te Runanga o Raukawa Incorporated
- 5 **note** that the Ōpunake Solar Farm 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 306 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs over a 24-month construction period and approximately 54 ongoing FTE equivalent jobs
  - 5.2 provide infrastructure that will contribute to improving economic and employment outcomes
  - 5.3 contribute to New Zealand's efforts to mitigate climate change and transition more quickly to a low emissions economy by increasing New Zealand's renewable energy generation
  - 5.4 progress faster using the Act's processes than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes
- 6 **note** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Marton and Ōpunake Solar Farms) Amendment Order 2023 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Energy Farms Limited's Ōpunake Solar Farm project to seek comments from the following additional parties:
  - 6.1 Minister of Energy and Resources
  - 6.2 Minister of Agriculture
  - 6.3 Transpower New Zealand Limited
  - 6.4 Powerco Limited
- 7 **authorise** submission of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Marton and Ōpunake Solar Farms) Amendment Order 2023 to the Executive Council
- 8 **note** 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 refers]. Consequently, the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Marton and Ōpunake Solar Farms) Amendment Order 2023 will come into force on the date specified in the Amendment Order.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**

**Appendix one – Referred projects under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020**

| Referred projects with Orders in Council gazetted                                      |   |  |
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| Project - Location   | Applicant   | EPA Status   |
| Clutha Upper Waitaki Lines Project - Works and Workers' Village - Clutha Upper Waitaki | Transpower New Zealand Limited  | Not progressing through FTC                                    |
| Northbrook Wanaka Retirement Village - Wanaka  | Winton Property Limited   | Consented by Panel (4 August 2021)                             |
| Kohimarama Comprehensive Care Retirement Village - Kohimarama, Auckland                | Ryman Healthcare Limited  | Consented by Panel (12 May 2021)                               |
| Molesworth Street Office Development - Thorndon, Wellington                            | Prime Property Group Limited  | Consented by Panel (12 November 2021)                          |
| The Vines Affordable Subdivision - Richmond, Tasman                                    | Jason and Angela Mudgway  | Declined by Panel (17 September 2021)                          |
| Dominion Road Mixed-use Development - Mount Eden, Auckland                             | Pudong Housing Development Company Limited, Foodstuffs North Island Limited, and Silk Road Management Limited | Consented by Panel (29 September 2021)                         |
| Ohinewai Foam Factory - Ohinewai, Waikato  | Ambury Properties Limited   | Consented by Panel (24 August 2021)                            |
| Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project - Infrastructure Works - Porirua                  | Kāinga Ora-Homes and Communities' and Porirua City Council  | Consented by Panel (9 September 2022)                          |
| Silverlight Studios - Wanaka   | Silverlight Studios Limited   | Consented by Panel (8 December 2021)                           |
| Brennan winery, restaurant, education, and event complex - Gibbston Valley, Otago      | Otago Viticulture and Oenology Limited's (trading as Brennan Wines)   | Not progressing through FTC                                    |
| Nola Estate - Glen Eden, Auckland  | CPM 2019 Limited  | Consented by Panel (1 October 2021)                            |
| Wooring Tree Estate – Cromwell   | Wooring Tree Property Development LP  | Consented by Panel (29 September 2021)                         |
| Kapuni Green Hydrogen - Kapuni, Taranaki   | Hiringa Energy Limited's and Ballance Agri-Nutrients Limited  | Consented by Panel (1 December 2021)<br>Currently under appeal |
| New Dunedin Hospital – Whakatuputupu – Dunedin Package 1 – enabling works              | The Minister of Health's and the Ministry of Health   | Consented by Panel (23 December 2021)                          |
| New Dunedin Hospital – Whakatuputupu – Dunedin Package 2 - buildings                   | The Minister of Health's and the Ministry of Health   | Consented by Panel (17 August 2022)                            |

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| Faringdon South West and South East Development - Rolleston | Hughes Developments Limited's   | Consented by Panel (27 August 2021)    |
| Summerset Retirement Village - Waikanae - Waikanae          | Summerset Villages (Waikanae) Limited   | Consented by Panel (23 September 2021) |
| Beachlands Housing Development - Beachlands, Auckland       | Neil Construction Limited and Fletcher Residential Limited  | Consented by Panel (23 May 2022)       |
| Kōpū Marine Precinct - Kōpū, Thames                         | Thames-Coromandel District Council  | Consented by Panel (9 March 2022)      |
| Whakatāne Commercial Boat Harbour project - Whakatāne       | Whakatāne District Council, Te Rāhui Lands Trust, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Awa Group Holdings Limited, Te Rāhui Lands General Partner Limited, Te Rāhui Herenga Waka Whakatane Limited, and Provincial Growth Fund Limited | Consented by Panel (22 June 2022)      |
| Karaka North Village - Karaka, Auckland                     | Capella Group Limited and Karaka North Village Limited  | Lodgement expected 2023                |
| Ōmāhu Residential Development - Remuera, Auckland           | Urban Resort Limited and Icon Co Pty (NZ) Limited   | Consented by Panel (14 February 2022)  |
| George St Mixed Use Development - Newmarket, Auckland       | Newmarket Holdings Development Limited Partnership  | Lodgement expected 2023                |
| Otago Water Storage Reservoir - Northland                   | Te Tai Tokerau Water Trust  | Consented by Panel (18 July 2022)      |
| Drury Central & Paerata Stations - Auckland                 | KiwiRail Holdings Limited   | Consented by Panel (3 February 2022)   |
| Rangitane Maritime Development - Kerikeri                   | Far North District Council & Far North Holdings Limited   | Lodgement expected 2023                |
| Brickfields, Scott Road Development - Hobsonville, Auckland | Aedifice Development Limited  | Consented by Panel (24 March 2022)     |
| Melia Place - Whangaparāoa, Auckland                        | Melia Development Limited   | Consented by Panel (14 June 2022)      |
| Oruku Landing - Whangārei, Northland                        | Northland Development Corporation Limited   | Lodgement expected mid 2023            |
| Riverbend Residential Development - Napier                  | Tawanui Developments Limited, K3 Properties Limited & Mana Ahuriri Holdings Limited   | Lodgement expected early 2023          |
| Silverlight Studios Accommodation - Wanaka, Otago           | Silverlight Studios Limited   | Consented by Panel (18 February 2022)  |
| Drury Centre Precinct - Auckland                            | Kiwi Property Holdings No 2   | Under consideration by Panel           |
| Waihoehoe Precinct - Auckland                               | Oyster Capital Limited  | Under consideration by Panel           |
| Drury East Stage 1 Precinct – Auckland                      | Fulton Hogan Land Development   | Under consideration by Panel           |

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| Flints Park, Ladies Mile – Te Pūtahi, Queenstown      | Glenpanel Development Limited  | Declined by Panel (30 November)<br>Currently under appeal |
| Federal Street Residences, Auckland                   | P0012 Auckland NZ Pty Limited  | Consented by Panel (28 July 2022)                         |
| Bellgrove Development, Rangiora                       | Bellgrove Rangiora Limited   | Consented by Panel (29 June 2022)                         |
| Lakeview-Taumata                                      | QT Lakeview Developments Limited   | Consented by Panel (16 December 22)                       |
| Summerset Retirement Village, Half Moon Bay, Auckland | Summerset Villages (Halfmoon Bay) Limited                                | Consented by Panel (11 April 2023)                        |
| Browns Bay Road Apartments, Auckland                  | Matvin Group Limited   | Under consideration by Panel                              |
| Te Tauoma Stage 1B, St Johns, Auckland                | Shundi Tamaki Village Limited  | Consented by Panel (15 February 2023)                     |
| Kaiwharawhara Wellington Ferry Terminal Redevelopment | KiwiRail Holdings Limited  | Consented by Panel (25 January 2023)                      |
| The Rotokauri North project, Hamilton                 | Rotokauri North Holdings Limited   | Consented by Panel (27 July 2022)                         |
| Tauhei Farm Solar Project, Te Aroha                   | Harmony Energy New Zealand Limited                                       | Consented by Panel (20 September 2022)                    |
| The Hill, Ellerslie, Auckland                         | Auckland Thoroughbred Racing Incorporated & Fletcher Residential Limited | Consented by Panel (17 April 2023)                        |
| Ariki Tahi Sugarloaf Wharf Upgrade, Waikato           | Ariki Tahi Sugarloaf Wharf Limited                                       | Consented by Panel (20 September) Currently under appeal  |
| Hananui Aquaculture Project, Foveaux Strait           | Ngāi Tahu Seafood Resources Limited                                      | Under consideration by Panel                              |
| Flints Park West, Ladies Mile – Te Pūtahi, Queenstown | Glenpanel Development Limited  | Lodgement expected late 2023                              |
| Waimarie Street, St Heliers, Auckland                 | Sanctum Projects Limited   | Under consideration by Panel                              |
| Te Rere Hau Wind Farm Repowering, Manawatu            | NZ Windfarms Limited   | Under consideration by Panel                              |
| Bontanic Riverhead, Auckland                          | Matvin Group Limited   | Consented by Panel (29 March 2023) Currently under appeal |
| Whenuapai Business Park, Auckland                     | Neil Construction Limited  | Under consideration by Panel                              |
| Whenuapai Green, Auckland                             | Neil Construction Limited & Maraetai Land Development Limited            | Under consideration by Panel                              |
| Faringdon Oval, Rolleston, Christchurch               | Hughes Development Limited   | Under consideration by Panel                              |
| Glenpanel Ladies Mile, Te Pūtahi                      | Maryhill Limited   | Lodgement expected 2023                                   |



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| Kepa Road Apartments, Auckland                               | Sanctum Projects Ltd   | Under consideration by Panel         |
| Wellsford North, Auckland                                    | Wellsford Welding Club Limited   | Lodgement expected 2023              |
| Johnsonville Town Centre Redevelopment, Wellington           | Stride Property Limited  | Lodgement expected 2023              |
| Waiterimu Solar Farm, Waikato                                | Waikato Solar Farms Limited/ Transpower NZ Limited                       | Lodgement expected 2023              |
| Tauranga Innovative Courthouse, Bay of Plenty                | Ministry of Justice  | Consented by Panel (19 January 2023) |
| East Coast Heights, Silverdale                               | Build Rich Limited / Nation Shine Holdings Limited                       | Lodgement expected 2023              |
| East Coast Heights, Stage 5 Silverdale                       | Build Rich Limited   | Under consideration by Panel         |
| Strathmill, Orewa  | Shildon Ltd  | Under consideration by Panel         |
| Great South Homes Park, Auckland                             | Unispot Great South Limited  | Under consideration by Panel         |
| Waikanae North, Wellington                                   | Bulletin Trust   | Lodgement expected 2023              |
| Rangiriri Solar Farm, Waikato                                | Joint Applicants: Rangiriri Solar Farm Limited and Transpower NZ Limited | Lodgement expected 2023              |
| Waerenga Solar Farm, Waikato                                 | Joint Applicants: Waerenga Solar Farm Limited and Transpower NZ Limited  | Lodgement expected 2023              |
| Wooing Tree Stage 4, Otago                                   | Wooing Tree Property Development   | Under consideration by Panel         |
| Glen Innes to Tamaki shared path, Auckland                   | Auckland Transport   | Under consideration by Panel         |
| Wairatahi  | Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust                                      | Lodgement expected 2023              |
| Upland Road Retirement Village                               | HND Upland Limited and St Andrew's Village Trust Incorporated            | Lodgement expected 2023              |
| Metlifecare Retirement Village – Wellington                  | Metlifecare Retirement Villages Limited                                  | Lodgement expected 2023              |
| Holly Lea Village Buildings D and E, Fendalton, Christchurch | Holly Lea Village Limited  | Lodgement expected 2023              |
| Man Street Hotel, Queenstown                                 | The Queenstown Hotel NZ Limited Partnership                              | Lodgement expected 2023              |
| Project Quarterdeck, Auckland                                | Box Property Investments Ltd   | Lodgement expected 2023              |
| The North, Auckland  | 617 New North Limited  | Lodgement expected 2023              |
| Auckland Surf Park   | AW Holdings 2021 Ltd   | Lodgement expected 2023              |

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| Harmony Energy Solar Farm<br>Opunake, Taranaki   | Harmony Energy NZ #4 Limited                        | Lodgement expected<br>2023 |
| Harmony Energy Solar Farm<br>Marton, Rangitikei  | Harmony Energy NZ #3 Limited                        | Lodgement expected<br>2023 |
| Masterton Solar Farm, Wairarapa                  | Harmony Energy NZ # 2 Limited                       | Lodgement expected<br>2023 |
| Ōtaki Māori Racecourse<br>Development, Wgtn      | Ōtaki Revisited Limited                             | Lodgement expected<br>2023 |
| Moy Estate, Ōtaki                                | Wakefield Group Holdings Ltd                        | Lodgement expected<br>2023 |
| Worker Accommodation Hansen<br>Road, Queenstown  | No. 1 Hansen Road Limited                           | Lodgement expected<br>2023 |
| Maraekakaho Quarry, Hawkes<br>Bay                | Russell Aggregates Limited                          | Lodgement expected<br>2023 |
| Brookby Quarry – Stage 3,<br>Auckland            | Brookby Quarries Limited                            | Lodgement expected<br>2023 |
| Kings Quarry, Wainui, Auckland                   | Kings Quarry Limited                                | Lodgement expected<br>2023 |
| Wairau Housing Development,<br>Blenheim          | Hāpai Development Property Limited<br>Partnership's | Lodgement expected<br>2023 |
| The Foundation Village – Building<br>3, Auckland | The Foundation Village Partnership                  | Lodgement expected<br>2023 |
| Summerset Rotorua                                | Summerset Villages (Rotorua) Limited                | Lodgement expected<br>2023 |

**Appendix two – Status of projects listed in Schedule 2 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020**

| Listed Project                                       | Status   |
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| Matawii Water Storage Reservoir Kaikohe              | Consents have been approved.   |
| Papakāinga Development – Rāpaki, Christchurch        | Consents have been approved.   |
| Te Ara Tupua – Ngā Ūranga to Pito-one shared path    | Consents have been approved.   |
| Waitohi Picton Ferry Precinct Redevelopment          | Consents have been approved.   |
| Queenstown Arterials Project                         | Consents have been approved.   |
| Papakāinga Development - Kaitaia                     | Consents have been approved.   |
| Papakura to Pukekōhe rail electrification            | Package 1 - consents have been approved.<br><br>Package 2 – minor consents - unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage.                     |
| Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 improvements | Package 1 - consents have been approved.<br><br>Package 2 – consents have been approved.   |
| Unitec Residential Development                       | Application 1 - consents have been approved.<br><br>Application 2 - consents have been approved.<br><br>Application 3 – consents have been approved. |
| Papakāinga Development – Waitara, Taranaki           | Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage.  |
| Northern Pathway – Westhaven to Akoranga shared path | Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage.  |
| Te Pā Tāhuna Residential Development                 | Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage.  |
| Papakāinga Development - Point Chevalier, Auckland   | Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage.  |
| Papakāinga development – Whaingaroa, Raglan          | Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage.  |
| Papakāinga Development - Chatham Islands             | Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage.  |
| Wellington Metro Upgrade Programme                   | Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage.  |
| Britomart Station eastern end upgrade                | Unlikely to proceed under fast-track at this stage.  |