



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Ōtaki Māori Racecourse Development) 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 application for referral of Ōtaki Revisited Limited's Ōtaki Māori Racecourse Development project to a panel;
- 2 **noted** that the Ōtaki Māori Racecourse Development 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 providing approximately 384–556 direct full-time equivalent jobs over a 6-year design and construction period;
 - 2.2 increase housing supply by constructing approximately 420–580 residential units;
 - 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 (Ōtaki Māori Racecourse Development) Amendment Order 2023 (the Amendment Order) requires Ōtaki Revisited Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel assessments of flooding and walkability from the Ōtaki township and railway station to the project site as detailed in Appendix Three, attached to the submission under CAB-23-SUB-0210, 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;
- 4 **noted** that the Amendment Order requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Ōtaki Revisited Limited's Ōtaki Māori Racecourse Development project to seek comments from the four parties listed in Appendix Three;
- 5 **authorised** the submission of the Amendment Order [PCO 25565/8.0] to the Executive Council;

- 6 **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];
- 7 **noted** that the Amendment Order 2023 will come into force on 10 June 2023.

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Secretary of the Cabinet