



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Plimmerton Farm, Jamaica Rise, and Peachgrove) Amendment Order 2023

Portfolio **Environment**

On 26 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 to accept the applications for referral of the following projects to a panel:
 - 1.1 KM and MG Holdings Limited's Plimmerton Farm–Stage One project;
 - 1.2 Grenada North Nominees Limited's Jamaica Rise project;
 - 1.3 Hamilton Campground Limited's Peachgrove Mixed-use Precinct project;
- 2 **noted** that the Plimmerton Farm–Stage One 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 providing approximately 585 direct and 585 indirect full-time equivalent jobs over an approximately 7-year design and construction period;
 - 2.2 increase housing supply through the construction of approximately 1044 residential units, 209 of which may be constructed by parties other than KM and MG Holdings Limited;
 - 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 (Plimmerton Farm, Jamaica Rise, and Peachgrove) Amendment Order 2023 requires KM and MG Holdings Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel the following additional information, which the Minister has specified under section 24(2) of the FTCA and outlined in the notice of decision on the referral application for the project:
- 3.1 a draft erosion and sediment control plan that identifies measures that will be taken to avoid, remedy, or mitigate adverse effects on Tāupo Swamp and other natural inland wetlands;
- 4 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Plimmerton Farm, Jamaica Rise, and Peachgrove) Amendment Order 2023 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider KM and MG Holdings Limited's Plimmerton Farm–Stage One project to seek comments from the following additional parties:
- 4.1 Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities;
- 4.2 Wellington Water Limited;
- 4.3 Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency;
- 4.4 Powerco Limited;
- 5 **noted** that the Jamaica Rise 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 providing approximately 172 direct and 172 indirect full-time equivalent jobs over a 4-year design and construction period;
- 5.2 increase housing supply through the construction of approximately 213 residential units;
- 5.3 have positive effects on social well-being by providing public open space for recreational purposes;
- 5.4 progress faster using the Act's processes than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes;
- 5.5 note that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Plimmerton Farm, Jamaica Rise, and Peachgrove) Amendment Order 2023 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Grenada North Nominees Limited's Jamaica Rise project to seek comments from the following additional parties:
- 5.5.1 Wellington Water Limited;
- 5.5.2 Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency;
- 5.5.3 Transpower New Zealand Limited;
- 5.5.4 Wellington Electricity Lines Limited;

- 6 **noted** that the Peachgrove Mixed-use Precinct 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:
- 6.1 generated employment by providing approximately 439 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs over an approximately 3-year development period and 114 FTE jobs through the ongoing project activities;
 - 6.2 increase housing supply through the construction of approximately 170 residential units;
 - 6.3 progress faster using the Act's processes than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes;
- 7 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Plimmerton Farm, Jamaica Rise, and Peachgrove) Amendment Order 2023 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Hamilton Campground Limited's Peachgrove Mixed-use Precinct project to seek comments from the following additional parties:
- 7.1 representatives of Ngaati Wairere;
 - 7.2 Te Haa o te Whenua o Kirikiriroa;
- 8 **noted** that the Section 17 reports under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track consenting) Act 2020 identify the requirements on the Environmental Protection Authority and the independent Panels to meet the obligations to the Waikato River Authority;
- 9 **authorised** submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Plimmerton Farm, Jamaica Rise, and Peachgrove) Amendment Order 2023 [PCO 25630/7.0];
- 10 **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];
- 11 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Plimmerton Farm, Jamaica Rise, and Peachgrove) Amendment Order 2023 comes into force on 1 July 2023.

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