



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 10) 2021

Portfolios **Environment / Conservation**

On 30 August 2021, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Minister for the Environment and the Minister of Conservation have decided, under section 24 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020, to accept the application for referral of Far North District Council and Far North Holdings Limited's Rangitane Maritime Development project to an expert consenting panel;
- 2 **noted** that the Far North District Council and Far North Holdings Limited's Rangitane Maritime Development project meets the eligibility criteria in section 18 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020, and is considered to help achieve the Act's purpose by having the potential to:
 - 2.1 have positive effects on social wellbeing by providing employment, maintaining and enhancing public access to the coastal marine area and providing facilities to support community connection and recreational opportunities;
 - 2.2 generate employment by providing approximately 30 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs over a 9-month construction period, and additional jobs during the design and consenting phase;
 - 2.3 progress faster using the Act's processes than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes, provided that the applicants lodge their applications for resource consents with the Environmental Protection Agency in a timely manner following project referral;
- 3 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 10) 2021 requires the Far North District Council and Far North Holdings Limited to provide to a panel: assessments of effects relating to traffic, acoustic issues, landscape and visual issues, coastal processes and coastal hazards, ecology, archaeology, water quality, greenhouse gas emissions and relevant planning considerations, as detailed in Appendix three to the submission under CAB-21-SUB-0339;
- 4 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 10) 2021 requires a panel appointed to consider Far North District Council and Far North Holdings Limited's Rangitane Maritime Development project to seek comments from representatives of: the Taiāmai ki te Takutai Moana Trust; Ngā Hapū o Takutai Moana; 14 marae of the Taiāmai ki te Marangai takiwā; the Rangitane Residents Association

Incorporated; the Rangitane Recreation Association Incorporated; and the Minister for Economic and Regional Development, as listed in Appendix three;

- 5 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 10) 2021 [PCO 24047/6.0];
- 6 **noted** that on 27 July 2020, Cabinet agreed to waivers of the 28-day rule so that Orders in Council made under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 can come into force as soon as they are notified in the New Zealand Gazette [CAB-20-MIN-0353];
- 7 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 10) 2021 will come into force on 3 September 2021.

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

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