



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Rotokauri Greenway and Minor Arterial Transport Corridor) Amendment Order 2023

Portfolio                      Environment

On 26 June 2023, Cabinet:

- 1        **noted** that the Minister for the Environment has decided under section 24 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 to accept the application for referral of Hounsell Holdings Limited and Hamilton City Council's Rotokauri Greenway and Minor Arterial Transport Corridor project to a panel;
- 2        **noted** that the Rotokauri Greenway and Minor Arterial Transport Corridor 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 273 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs associated with the Rotokauri Greenway component of the project, and 194 FTE jobs associated with the Minor Arterial Transport Corridor component;
  - 2.2      provide infrastructure to improve economic, employment and environmental outcomes, including for freshwater quality;
  - 2.3      strengthen environmental resilience and manage risk from natural hazards including flooding;
  - 2.4      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 (Rotokauri Greenway and Minor Arterial Transport Corridor) Amendment Order 2023 requires Hounsell Holdings Limited and Hamilton City Council to provide to an expert consenting panel the following information, which the Minister for the Environment specified under section 24(2) of the FTCA and outlined in my notice of decision on the referral application for the project:
- 3.1 proposed offsetting and compensation measures to address any adverse effects on ecological and freshwater values
  - 3.2 information on any discussions held, and any agreements made, between the applicant and other people regarding those offsetting and compensation measures;
- 4 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Rotokauri Greenway and Minor Arterial Transport Corridor) Amendment Order 2023 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Hounsell Holdings Limited and Hamilton City Council's Rotokauri Greenway and Minor Arterial Transport Corridor project to seek comments from the following parties:
- 4.1 Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency
  - 4.2 Te Haa o te whenua o Kirikiriroa
  - 4.3 representatives of Ngaati Wairere
- 5 **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;
- 6 **authorised** submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Rotokauri Greenway and Minor Arterial Transport Corridor) Amendment Order 2023 [PCO 25616/6.0];
- 7 **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];
- 8 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Rotokauri Greenway and Minor Arterial Transport Corridor) Amendment Order 2023 comes into force on 28 June 2023.

Diana Hawker  
Acting Secretary of the Cabinet