



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Stevensons Crescent and Verran Mews) 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 applications for referral of the following projects to a panel:
 - 1.1 Mansion Rear Limited's Stevensons Crescent;
 - 1.2 Sweet New Zealand Co., Limited's Verran Mews;
- 2 **noted** that the Stevensons Crescent 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 81 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs and 219 indirect FTE jobs over a 4-year development period;
 - 2.2 increase housing supply through the construction of approximately 138 residential units;
 - 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 (Stevensons Crescent and Verran Mews) Amendment Order 2023 includes the following restriction, 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 placing a culvert in 'Stream A' identified in Appendix E of the referral application is within the project scope only if a panel is satisfied that placing the culvert in Stream A is not itself (or does not involve) a prohibited activity under the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020;

- 4 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Stevensons Crescent and Verran Mews) Amendment Order 2023 requires Mansion Rear Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel the following details, 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:
- 4.1 an integrated transport assessment that –
- 4.1.1 takes into account the Supporting Growth Programme of Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi (particularly, proposed upgrades to Dairy Flat Highway);
 - 4.1.2 assesses effects of the project on the local road network including on those proposed upgrades;
 - 4.1.3 contains information on any discussions held, and agreements made, with Auckland Transport;
- 5 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Stevensons Crescent and Verran Mews) Amendment Order 2023 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Mansion Rear Limited's Stevensons Crescent project to seek comment from the following additional parties:
- 5.1 Auckland Transport;
 - 5.2 Te Patukirikiri Iwi Trust;
 - 5.3 Ngāti Koheriki Claims Committee;
- 6 **noted** that the Verran Mews 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 generate employment by provide approximately 197 direct full-time equivalent jobs;
 - 6.2 increase housing supply through the construction of approximately 110 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 (Stevensons Crescent and Verran Mews) Amendment Order 2023 requires Sweet New Zealand Co., Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel the following details, which I specified under section 24(2) of the FTCA and outlined in my notice of decision on the referral application for the project:
- 7.1 information on any discussions held and any agreements made with Watercare Services Limited and Auckland Council's Healthy Waters department about relevant infrastructure for three-waters services;
 - 7.2 information on any discussions held and any agreements made with Auckland Transport about relevant transport infrastructure;
 - 7.3 information on any matters arising from the discussions on which there is disagreement;

- 8 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Stevensons Crescent and Verran Mews) Amendment Order 2023 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Sweet New Zealand Co., Limited's Verran Mews project to seek comments from the following additional parties:
- 8.1 Watercare Services Limited;
 - 8.2 Auckland Transport;
 - 8.3 Te Patukirikiri Iwi Trust;
 - 8.4 Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara Development Trust;
 - 8.5 Ngāti Koheriki Claims Committee;
- 9 **authorised** submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Stevensons Crescent and Verran Mews) Amendment Order 2023 [PCO 25636/8.0];
- 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 (Stevensons Crescent and Verran Mews) Amendment Order 2023 comes into force on 2 July 2023.

Diana Hawker
Acting Secretary of the Cabinet