



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Summerset Rotorua and Foundation Village) Amendment Order 2023

**Portfolio**                      **Environment**

On 12 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 (the Act) to accept the applications for referral of the following projects to a panel:
  - 1.1        Summerset Villages (Rotorua) Limited's Summerset Rotorua project;
  - 1.2        The Foundation Village Partnership's Foundation Village–Building 3 project;
- 2        **noted** that the Summerset Rotorua 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 1,819 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs over a 7-year design and construction period;
  - 2.2        increase housing supply by constructing approximately 280 independent living units and approximately 100 assisted living and memory care suites and beds;
  - 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 (Summerset Rotorua and Foundation Village) Amendment Order 2023 (the Amendment Order) requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider the Summerset Rotorua project to seek comments from the following additional parties:
  - 3.1        the Minister for Seniors;
  - 3.2        Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand;
  - 3.3        Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency;
  - 3.4        KiwiRail;
  - 3.5        Raukawa Settlement Trust;

- 4 **noted** that the Foundation Village–Building 3 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:
- 4.1 generate employment by providing approximately 385 FTE jobs over a 6-year design and construction period and approximately 15 ongoing FTEs once the project is operational;
  - 4.2 increase housing supply through the construction of approximately 65 apartment style retirement units;
  - 4.3 progress faster using the Act’s processes than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes;
- 5 **noted** that the Amendment Order requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider the Foundation Village–Building 3 project to seek comments from the following parties:
- 5.1 the Minister for Seniors;
  - 5.2 Auckland Transport;
  - 5.3 Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand;
  - 5.4 Ngaati Whanaunga Incorporated Society;
  - 5.5 Ngāti Koheriki Claims Committee;
- 6 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Amendment Order 2023 [PCO 25615/6.0];
- 7 **noted** that on 27 July 2020, Cabinet agreed to waive the standard 28-day rule relating to Orders in Council made under the Act [CAB-20-MIN-0353];
- 8 **noted** that the Amendment Order comes into force on 17 June 2023.

Rachel Hayward  
Secretary of the Cabinet