



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Wooing Tree Stage 4 and Wairatahi) Amendment Order 2023

Portfolio **Environment**

On 11 April 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 an expert consenting panel:
 - 1.1 Wooing Tree Property Development Limited Partnership's Wooing Tree Stage 4 Project;
 - 1.2 Heretaunga Tamatea Pou Tahua Limited Partnership's Wairatahi Project;
- 2 **noted** that the Wooing Tree Stage 4 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 48 direct-full time equivalent jobs;
 - 2.2 increase housing supply by enabling the future construction of approximately 120 residential units;
 - 2.3 progress faster than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) processes;
- 3 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Wooing Tree Stage 4 and Wairatahi) Amendment Order 2023 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Wooing Tree Property Development Limited Partnership's Wooing Tree Stage 4 Project to seek comments from Aukaha (1997) Limited, Te Ao Mārama Incorporated and Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency, as listed in Appendix three of the paper under CAB-23-SUB-0120;
- 4 **noted** that the Wairatahi 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:
 - 4.1 generate employment by creating approximately 1,395 direct and 1,405 indirect full-time equivalent jobs over a 5-year design and construction period;

- 4.2 increase housing supply by constructing approximately 450 to 523 residential units, or approximately 425 to 475 residential units if a retirement village is not constructed;
- 4.3 contribute to social wellbeing by improving public access to the Irongate Stream (if the realignment of Wellwood Drain proceeds);
- 4.4 progress faster than would otherwise be the case under standard RMA processes;
- 5 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Wooing Tree Stage 4 and Wairatahi) Amendment Order 2023 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Heretaunga Tamatea Pou Tahua Limited Partnership's Wairatahi Project to seek comments from Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency, as listed in Appendix four of the paper under CAB-23-SUB-0120;
- 6 **authorised** submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Wooing Tree Stage 4 and Wairatahi) Amendment Order 2023 [PCO 25451/10.0];
- 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 (Wooing Tree Stage 4 and Wairatahi) Amendment Order 2023 will come into force the day after publication in the New Zealand Gazette.

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Secretary of the Cabinet