



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects (Wairau Housing Development) 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 application for referral of Hāpai Development Property Limited Partnership's Wairau Housing Development project to a panel;
- 2 **noted** that the Wairau Housing Development 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 219 direct full-time equivalent jobs over a five-year design and construction period;
 - 2.2 increase housing supply through the construction of approximately 105 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 (Wairau Housing Development) Amendment Order 2023 (the Amendment Order) requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Hāpai Development Property Limited Partnership's Wairau Housing Development project to seek comments from:
 - 3.1 Ngāti Tama ki Te Waipounamu Trust;
 - 3.2 Ngāti Apa ki Te Rā Tō Post-Settlement Trust;
 - 3.3 Ngāti Apa ki Te Rā Tō Charitable Trust;
- 4 **authorised** submission to the Executive Council of the Amendment Order 2023 [PCO 25599/8.0];
- 5 **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];

6 **noted** that the Amendment Order comes into force on 16 June 2023.

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Secretary of the Cabinet