



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 9) 2022

Portfolio **Environment**

On 2 May 2022, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Minister of 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 an expert consenting panel:
 - 1.1 Matvin Group Limited's The Botanic Riverhead project;
 - 1.2 Neil Construction Limited's Whenuapai Business Park project;
 - 1.3 Neil Construction Limited and Maraetai Land Development Limited's Whenuapai Green project;
- 2 **noted** that the Botanic Riverhead 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, by:
 - 2.1 having positive effects on social well-being by generating employment and providing aged-care facilities with on-site amenities and services, and commercial and educational (childcare) activities;
 - 2.2 generating employment by providing approximately 140 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs per year over a 6-year construction period, approximately 45 permanent FTE jobs once the retirement village is operational and approximately 19 permanent FTE jobs once the commercial activities and childcare centre are operational;
 - 2.3 increasing housing supply for aged persons through the construction of approximately 422 residential units, comprising approximately 158 standalone residential units and 264 apartments;
 - 2.4 progressing 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 Amendment Order (No 9) 2022 requires Matvin Group Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel a three-waters infrastructure assessment, a transport infrastructure assessment, a stormwater and flood risk assessment, a draft stormwater management plan, an integrated transport assessment, a landscape and visual assessment, a social impact assessment, and in relation

to potential soil contamination, a preliminary site investigation report and, if required, a detailed site investigation report, as detailed in Appendix three of the paper under CAB-22-SUB-0155;

- 4 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 9) 2022 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Matvin Group Limited's The Botanic Riverhead project to seek comments from the Associate Minister for the Environment (Urban Policy), the Minister for Seniors, Auckland Transport, Watercare Services Limited and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, as listed in Appendix three of the paper under CAB-22-SUB-0155;
- 5 **noted** that the Whenuapai Business Park 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, by:
 - 5.1 having positive economic benefits for businesses and people affected by Covid-19 and promoting certainty of investment in light industry by progressing development of land for light industrial activity within an area identified by Auckland Council as suitable and ready for such development;
 - 5.2 having positive effects on social well-being by providing both short- and long- term employment opportunities in the Whenuapai area;
 - 5.3 generating employment through the provision of approximately 88 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs and 97 indirect FTE jobs per year over the two years of project construction;
 - 5.4 progressing faster using the Act's processes than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes;
- 6 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 9) 2022 requires Neil Construction Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel a three-waters infrastructure assessment, a transport infrastructure assessment, an integrated transport assessment and an assessment of effects (including reverse sensitivity effects) on RNZAF Base Auckland, as detailed in Appendix four of the paper under CAB-22-SUB-0155;
- 7 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 9) 2022 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Neil Construction Limited's Whenuapai Business Park project to seek comments from the Associate Minister for the Environment (Urban Policy), the submitters on PC 5 to the AUP, Ngāti Koheriki Claims Committee, Ngaati Whanaunga Incorporated Society, Auckland Transport, Watercare, Spark New Zealand Trading Limited, Waka Kotahi, and the New Zealand Defence Force, as listed in Appendix four of the paper under CAB-22-SUB-0155;
- 8 **noted** that the Whenuapai Green 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, by:
 - 8.1 having positive effects on social well-being by generating employment and providing a diverse range of housing types, including terraced housing (which has the potential to be a lower-priced housing option);

- 8.2 generating employment by providing approximately 164 direct full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs per year over a five year design and civil construction period, approximately 22 direct FTE jobs in sales and marketing over a five year period, and approximately 342 direct FTE jobs over a six year residential unit construction period;
- 8.3 increasing housing supply through the provision of approximately 459 residential units (or approximately 354 residential units if a primary school is developed);
- 8.4 progressing faster using the Act's processes than would otherwise be the case under standard Resource Management Act 1991 processes;
- 9 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 9) 2022 requires Neil Construction Limited and Maraetai Land Development Limited to provide to an expert consenting panel a three-waters infrastructure assessment, a transport infrastructure assessment, a stormwater assessment, a draft stormwater management plan, an integrated transport assessment, an assessment of effects (including reverse sensitivity effects) on RNZAF Base Auckland, a heritage assessment, and, in relation to potential soil contamination, a preliminary site investigation report and, if required, a detailed site investigation report, as detailed in Appendix five of the paper under CAB-22-SUB-0155;
- 10 **noted** that the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 9) 2022 requires an expert consenting panel appointed to consider Neil Construction Limited and Maraetai Land Development Limited's Whenuapai Green project to seek comments from the Associate Minister for the Environment (Urban Policy), Ngāti Koheriki Claims Committee, Te Kupenga o Ngāti Hako, Ngaati Whanaunga Incorporated Society, Auckland Transport, Watercare, the New Zealand Defence Force, and Waka Kotahi, as listed in Appendix five of the paper under CAB-22-SUB-0155;
- 11 **authorised** submission to the Executive Council of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 9) 2022 [PCO 24703/6.0];
- 12 **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];
- 13 **noted** that, as a result of the decision in paragraph 12, the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Referred Projects Amendment Order (No 9) 2022 comes into force on 6 May 2022.

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Secretary of the Cabinet