

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020

Beachlands Housing Development by Neil Construction Limited and Fletcher Residential Limited

M-5 Minute of the Beachlands Housing Development Expert Consenting Panel –
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Extension of Processing Timeframes

1. In accordance with clause 37(2) of Schedule 6 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act), a panel must issue its final decision, in the case of a referred project (for which the Beachlands Housing Development is), 25 working days after the date specified for receiving comments under clause 18 [of Schedule 6 of the Act], if the referral order is silent on the matter (of which the referral order is silent on the matter).
2. The date specified for receiving comment under clause 18 of Schedule 6 of the Act was 17 December 2022 and as such the date by which the panel must issue its final decision is **29 April 2022**.
3. However, in accordance with clause 37(3) of Schedule 6 of the Act, if the scale or nature of the proposal that is the subject of a consent application is such that the panel is unable to complete its decision within the time specified, being 29 April 2022, the panel may extend the period for issuing its final decision. Clause 37(3)(b) allows the timeframe to be extended by up to 25 working days, if the referral order is silent on the matter.
4. Due to the nature of the proposal, including the number of technical documents supporting the application, such as geotech and infrastructure, of which the Beachlands Housing Development Expert Consenting Panel (the Panel) has sought independent advice, the Panel is unable to complete its decision by 29 April 2022.
5. Consequently, the Panel requires an extension of the timeframe by which it must issue its decision by **13 working days**. As such, the Panel must issue its decision no later than **18 May 2022**. The Panel reserves its right for further extensions, up to the maximum allowable not exceeding a total of 25 working days, should one be required.

Draft Conditions

6. At this point, the Panel would also like to forewarn that they are aiming to circulate draft conditions and invite comment on those conditions, in accordance with clause 36 of Schedule 6 of the Act, by **Wednesday 4 May 2022**.
7. Comments on draft conditions will need to be received by the Environmental Protection Authority no later than 5 working days from the day comment is invited on those draft conditions.



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On behalf of the Beachlands Housing Development Expert Consenting Panel.