

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

Drury East Stage 1 Precinct resource consent application (the application)

M-14	Minute of the Drury East Stage 1 Precinct Expert Consenting Panel – 8 July 2022
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Request to suspend processing the consent application

1. On 7 July 2022, legal counsel for the Applicant made a written request to the EPA that the Drury East Stage 1 Precinct Expert Consenting Panel suspend processing of the consent application for the Drury East Stage 1 Precinct under Clause 23(1) of Schedule 6 of the Act. A copy of this request is available on the EPA website here: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/referred-projects/drury-east-stage-1-precinct/correspondence-to-and-from-the-panel/>
2. The request is to suspend processing of the application from 7 July 2022 for a period of 10 working days.
3. In the request, the Applicant asserts that there is a realistic prospect of the appeals on Plan Change 49 being resolved (subject only to the approval of the Environment Court) during the period of the suspension. The reasons for suspension are also to enable the Applicant to provide a fulsome response to Minute 13 in respect of the implications for the application of the withdrawal of the Drury Centre application.
4. At its discretion the Panel may, under Clause 23(4), suspend the processing of a consent application when a request is made under subclause (1) but if it does grant a suspension, must give the consent applicant written advice of the date on and after which the Panel ceased to process the application.
5. The Panel has carefully considered the request and notes that it would be convenient to the Panel's own timetable and circumstances to approve the request in this instance. However, the reasons for the request do not support approval and the Panel does not wish to indicate that further comment from the Applicant could affect its deliberations or ultimate determination.

6. The Panel is also not satisfied that the appeals on PC 49 could be resolved with Environment Court consent order within the time still available to the Panel for a decision. Even in the event of that outcome, the Panel would not have a different operational planning framework against which to assess the application. Nor would there be time for any consultation regarding that planning framework.
7. For the reasons above, the Panel accordingly, and in terms of its discretion under cl 23(4) does not approve the requested suspension.
8. The decision is due on or before **Tuesday 19 July 2022**.



Dr Joan Forret
Chairperson
Drury East Stage 1 Precinct Expert Consenting Panel