

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

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

M-4	Minute of the Drury East Stage 1 Precinct Expert Consenting Panel – 11 March 2022
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### Suspension of processing consent application

1. On 11 March 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 10 March 2022 until 29 March 2022 to enable the applicant to respond to comments received on the application, particularly the comments from Auckland Council and Auckland Transport.
3. The applicant noted that the comments from Auckland Council in relation to the status of Plan Changes 48-50 and their relevance to the fast track application process are also directed to the Drury Centre and Waihoehoe Precinct projects. Whilst these are separate applications, the suspension will allow the applicants to provide a coherent response. The Panel notes the need for the applicant's response to focus on the Drury East Stage 1 application as that is the matter being considered by the Panel.
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 decided to grant the requested suspension commencing at midnight on Friday 11 March 2022 and all timeframes associated with the application will be put on hold until midnight on Tuesday 29 March 2022 as requested by the applicant.
6. The Panel's reasons for granting the requested suspension include the following:

- the extent of comments from invited submitters;
- the technical nature of some of the comments;
- uncertainty regarding any decision on Plan Changes 48 - 50.

7. The applicant has indicated a preference for the Panel to continue assessing the application as appropriate. The Panel notes that a site visit had previously been arranged and intends to undertake that site visit independently during the period of suspension.



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Drury East Stage 1 Precinct Expert Consenting Panel