

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

### **Karaka North Village Consent Application by Karaka North Village Limited**

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#### **M-3 Minute of the Karaka North Village Expert Consenting Panel – 9 June 2022**

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1. Under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act), an Expert Consenting Panel (the Panel) has been appointed to determine consent applications for Karaka North Village (the application). The Panel is comprised of myself (as Chairperson), Barry Kaye and Reginald Proffit.

#### **Request for suspension of processing**

2. On 7 June 2022, the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) received correspondence from Jeremy Brabant (Legal Counsel for the applicant) on behalf of the applicant (Karaka North Village) requesting the Panel suspend the processing of the application pursuant to clause 23(1) of Schedule 6 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).
3. The request outlined a number of reasons for the need for the suspension, largely to allow the applicant to provide an integrated response to the requests for information issued by the EPA at the direction of the Panel.
4. In accordance with clause 23(3) of Schedule 6 of the Act, the EPA must provide a copy of the suspension request to the relevant local authority and to any person or group invited to provide comments under clause 17(2) of Schedule 6 of the Act.
5. The request can be viewed on the EPA website here:  
<https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Fast-track-consenting/Karaka-North/panel-correspondence/Letter-Requesting-Suspension-of-Processing-for-Karaka-North-application.pdf>
6. No action is required from any party.

#### **Suspension of processing**

7. In accordance with clause 23(4) of Schedule 6 of the Act, the Panel, at its discretion, may suspend the processing of a consent application when a request is made.
8. The Panel has considered the request by the applicant and has resolved to grant the suspension, noting that the request is sensible and more detailed responses, with technical input (where required) will be of greater assistance to the Panel's consideration of the application.
9. The suspension began at **11:59pm on 7 June 2022**. The Panel will now cease processing of the application, until such time a written request to resume processing of the application is received.
10. In accordance with clause 23(6) of Schedule 6 of the Act, the applicant may request in writing that the processing of the application be resumed.

11. If no such request is received within **50 working days** of the processing of the application being suspended (being 7 June 2022), in accordance with clause 24(2) of Schedule 6 of the Act, the Panel must decide to return the consent application or continue to process the application.
12. A written request to resume processing should be provided by the applicant to the EPA pursuant to clause 23(6) of Schedule 6 of the Act.
13. If a written request is not received, the Panel is not obliged to decide whether to resume processing until 50 working days have elapsed pursuant to clause 24(2)(b) of Schedule 6 of the Act. 17. 1
14. The relevant local authorities and any person or group invited to provide comments under clause 17(2) of Schedule 6 of the Act will be notified if a written request to resume processing is received, and informed when the processing of the application is to resume.

### Information Requested

28. On 9 June 2022 the panel directed the EPA to issue a request for information to Karaka North Village (the applicant) in accordance with Clause 25(1) of Schedule 6 of the COVID19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).
29. The information request can be found here:  
[https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Fast-track-consenting/Karaka-North/panel-correspondence/FTC37\\_RFI2\\_9June22.pdf](https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Fast-track-consenting/Karaka-North/panel-correspondence/FTC37_RFI2_9June22.pdf)

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**Chairperson, Karaka North Village Expert Consenting Panel**