

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

Molesworth Street Office Development Consent Application by Prime Property Group Limited.

M-3 Minute of the Molesworth Street Office Development Expert Consenting Panel – 23rd August 2021

1. In accordance with Clause 37(2) of Schedule 6 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act), The Molesworth Street Office Development Expert Consenting Panel (the Panel) must issue its final decision no later than 25 working days after the date specified for receiving comments under Clause 18 of Schedule 6 of the Act.

Decision of Molesworth Street Office Development Expert Consenting Panel extending the timeframe to issue final decision

2. The Panel has decided to extend the 25-working day period provided under Clause 37(2). That period is due to end on Thursday 26 August 2021, being 25 working days after close of the comments period specified under Clause 18, being 22 July 2021.
3. Clause 37(3) provides that if the scale or nature of the proposal is such that the Panel is unable to complete its decision within that timeframe, it may extend the period by (in the case of a referred project such as this), up to a further 25 working days, as the referral order is silent on the matter.
4. The decision is now due on or before 30 September 2021.
5. The Panel will endeavour to release its final decision before that date if it can. However time must be allowed for to seek comments on draft conditions of consent from the applicant and all those who earlier provided comments. (The preparation and the seeking of comments on draft conditions should not be taken as any indication as to whether the Panel will grant or refuse consent.)
6. The extension is required because of:
 - (a) The need for further information requests (including in relation to urban design);
 - (b) Consequential delays in being able to commission expert advisors;
 - (c) The existing commitments of expert advisors;
 - (d) Consequential delays in being able to finalise draft conditions (as above); and
 - (e) The need for the Panel to have adequate time to finalise its decision.



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Chairperson

Molesworth Street office Development Expert Consenting Panel