

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

LP 17 Queenstown Arterials Project Consent Application and Notice of Requirement by Queenstown Lakes District Council

M-5 Minute of the Queenstown Arterials Project Expert Consenting Panel
– 30 March 2021

1. In accordance with Clause 37(2) of Schedule 6 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act), the Queenstown Arterials Project 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 the Queenstown Arterials Project Expert Consenting Panel extending the timeframe to issue final decision

2. The panel has been compelled to extend the 25-working day period provided under clause 37(2). That period is due to end on Tuesday 6 April 2021, being 25 working days after close of the comments period specified under clause 18, being 26 February 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 listed project such as this), up to a further 25 working days.
4. The panel extends the timeframes by 11 working days. The extended period will end on **21 April 2021**.
5. The extension has come about on account of both scale and complexity of the proposal. The project is a linear project, circumventing the Queenstown CBD, and received a large number of detailed comments, raising several areas of concerns, contributing to the scale and complexity of the proposal and the matters to be considered by the panel.



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Chairperson
Queenstown Arterials Project Expert Consenting Panel