

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

### Silverlight Studios Accommodation Consent Application by Silverlight Studios Limited.

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M-2 Minute of the Silverlight Studios Accommodation Expert Consenting Panel – 22 December 2021

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1. On 18 November 2021, the Silverlight Studios Accommodation Expert Consenting Panel (the Panel), issued invitations to comment to those parties specified in Clauses 17(6), 17(7) and 17(8), of Schedule 6 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act).
2. In accordance with Clause 18(1) of the Act, all comments were to be “received by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)”, no later than 09 December 2021.
3. Clause 18(7) of Schedule 6 of the Act states that “there is no right for any person to seek a waiver of the time limited for written comments to be received”. However, in accordance with Clause 18(6) of Schedule 6 of the Act, the Panel, may, in its discretion, consider comments received after the time specified in its invitation, provided that they have not already issued their decision.
4. On 22 December 2021, the EPA received a comment from Roberts Family Trust, via email. As these comments were not received by the EPA by 09 December 2021, they are considered to be comments received by the EPA after the time specified in the invitation to comment.
5. The Commenter provided an explanation for the late comment for the Panels consideration.
6. The Panel has decided to exercise their discretion and consider the comment.
7. Clause 19 of Schedule 6 of the Act provides an opportunity for the consent applicant or requiring authority to provide a response on comments received, which must be no later than 5 working days after the date comments were to be provided to the EPA. This means the consent applicant had to provide their response to comments by 16 December 2021.
8. The Panel issued a further information request to the applicant on 13 December 2021 and allowed until 17 January 2022 to receive a response. The Panel think it is fair and reasonable to allow the applicant until Monday 17 January to also provide any comments they may have on this late comment.
9. The additional late comment from the Roberts Family Trust, and all other comments received on the consent application by the EPA can be viewed on the EPA website, at the below link:  
<https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Fast-track-consenting/Silverlight-Studios-Accommodation/comments-received/Comments-from-Roberts-Family-Trust-on-Silverlight-Studios-Accommodation-application.pdf>
10. As mentioned in para 8, the applicant now has until the Monday 17 January 2022 to provide a response to the comment on the application received by the EPA. Its response will be made available on the EPA website, at the above link, upon receipt by the EPA. The EPA will advise all



parties who provided comment on the application once the applicant's response is published on the website.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Ash".

Heather Ash

**Chairperson**

**Silverlight Studios Accommodation Expert Consenting Panel**