

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

Melia Place Development by Melia Development Limited

M-4 Minute of Melia Place Expert Consenting Panel – 5 May 2022

Suspension

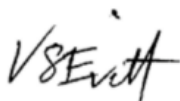
1. The processing of the application for the Melia Place Development under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act) has been suspended since 9 March 2022 at the request of the applicant.
2. On 28 April 2022, the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) received a request from Legal Counsel for the applicant to resume processing of the application in accordance with clause 23(6) of Schedule 6 of the Act.
3. The request can be viewed on the EPA website here:
<https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Fast-track-consenting/Melia-Place/panel-correspondence/Melia-Place-Project-Memorandum-to-Expert-Consenting-Panel-28.04.22.pdf>

Resumption of Processing

4. In accordance with clause 23(7) of Schedule 6 of the Act, if a panel receives a request under to resume processing, it must, as soon as is reasonably practicable, resume processing the consent application.
5. As such, the Panel decided to cease the suspension at **11:59pm 4 May 2022**, with processing of the application resuming from **5 May 2022**.
6. As at 5 May 2022, being the point the current suspension of processing ceases and processing of the application resumes, the Panel has **18 working days** left by which it must issue its decision (where no further extension of the timeframe specified in clause 37(2)(a) of Schedule 6 of the Act has been applied).

Further Information

7. Paragraph 4.7 of the correspondence received by the EPA from the Legal Counsel for the applicant stated “[f]urther minor queries have arisen from Healthy Waters (relating to the individual sizes of various water detention devices) and further information is being prepared by Civix and being addressed directly with Healthy Waters”.
8. The Panel would appreciate if the applicant could advise what is the expected timeframe for the further information to be finalised and provided to the Panel to ensure it has confidence on appropriate resolution of these matters.



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On behalf of Melia Place Expert Consenting Panel.