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National Library of New Zealand  
70 Molesworth Street  
Thorndon  
Wellington 6011

Tēnā koe

**Notice of consent application by Prime Property Group Limited, and invitation to comment under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020**

**Notice of Consent Application**

On 28 May 2021, Prime Property Group Limited lodged a consent application with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for the Molesworth Street Office development under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act). On 04 June 2021, the EPA determined that it complied with clause 3(1) and it was referred to the Molesworth Street Expert Consenting Panel (the Panel) for processing and decision.

A copy of the consent application and supporting documents can be accessed on the EPA's website: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/referred-projects/molesworth-street-office-development/the-application/>.

**Invitation to Comment**

Under the Act, the Panel must invite comments from specified identified parties, including the owners and occupiers of land which is adjacent to the land on which the project is to be undertaken. You are identified as a person from whom the Panel must seek comment as you own or occupy land at 70 Molesworth Street, which is considered to be adjacent to the land on which the project is to be undertaken.

If you own the land at 70 Molesworth Street, but do not occupy the land, could you please inform any occupiers at that address of this invitation to comment on the application. Any occupiers of the property will also receive a letter inviting them to comment, where a postal address for the occupier is known.

Please note that public or limited notification is not allowed under the Act.

The Panel invites you to comment on the above consent application. If you wish to comment on the application, please complete the enclosed form and return it to the EPA by email to [Molesworthfasttrack@epa.govt.nz](mailto:Molesworthfasttrack@epa.govt.nz), or by post or in person.

**Your comments must be returned to the EPA no later than 22 July 2021.**

Please note that there is no right for you (or any other person) to seek a waiver of this time limit.

The EPA will forward copies of any comments received to Prime Property Group Limited and the Panel.

If you comment on the application, the Panel will also invite you to comment on the draft conditions at a later stage. If you do not comment on the application, you will be sent notice of the decision on the application when it is made.

### **Minute of the Expert Consenting Panel**

On 01 July 2021, the Panel released Minute 1. This Minute can be read on our website at: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Fast-track-consenting/Molesworth-Street/Panel-communication/Minute-1-Molesworth-Street-ECP-Invite-to-comment-issued-30-June-2021.pdf>

### **Further Information**

More information on the fast-track consenting process can be found at <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/about/>.

Information and advice on commenting on a fast-track consenting application can be found at <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/commenting/>.

If you have any questions, please contact Elliott Dennett Project Leader by email [Molesworthfasttrack@epa.govt.nz](mailto:Molesworthfasttrack@epa.govt.nz), or by phone on 04 4745518.

Nākū noa, nā



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**Chairperson**

**Molesworth Street Office development Expert Consenting Panel**

# Invitation for Comment on Molesworth Street Office development

## Molesworth Street Office development is a Referred Project under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020

Application name	Molesworth Street Office development
EPA reference	FTC000021
Applicant/s	Prime Property Group Limited
Comments due by	22 July 2021
Accessing the application	<a href="https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/referred-projects/molesworth-street-office-development/the-application/">https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/referred-projects/molesworth-street-office-development/the-application/</a>

An application has been made by Prime Property Group Limited (the applicant) under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the act) for resource consents. The scope of this project is to construct a 12-storey office building that includes retail or café space, a lobby, loading bays, and basement carpark.

To comment on the project application, please fill in the details on the attached form and:

- **Email** the form to [Molesworthfasttrack@epa.govt.nz](mailto:Molesworthfasttrack@epa.govt.nz). Please mark in the subject line: "Comments on Molesworth Street Office development Fast Track Application (Your name/organisation) by **22 July 2021**"; or
- **Post** the form to Molesworth Street Office development Fast Track Application, Environmental Protection Authority, Private Bag 63002, Waterloo Quay, Wellington 6140 in time for the form to be received by the **22 July 2021**; or
- **Deliver in person** to Environmental Protection Authority, Grant Thornton House, Level 10, 215 Lambton Quay, Wellington by **22 July 2021**. Please note that due to potential changes in COVID-19 Alert Levels our reception may not be open to the public. We suggest phoning ahead to check.

Comments must be received by the EPA, on behalf of the Molesworth Street Office development Expert Consenting Panel, no later than **22 July 2021**.

If your comment is not received by the EPA by **22 July 2021** the Panel is not required to consider your comment (although it may decide to). Under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 there is no right to seek a waiver of the time limit.

If you are an iwi authority you may share the consent application with hapū whose rohe is in the project area in the application, and choose to include comments from the hapū with any comments you may wish to provide.

## Important information

Your personal information will be held by the EPA and used in relation to the project consent application process. You have the right to access and correct personal information held by the EPA.

A copy of your comments, including all personal information, will be provided to the Expert Consenting Panel and the applicant.

All comments received on the application will be available on the EPA website.

If you are a corporate entity making comments on this application, your full contact details will be publicly available. For individuals, your name will be publicly available but your contact details (phone number, address, and email) will not be publicly available.

Please do not use copyright material without the permission of the copyright holder.

All information held by the EPA is subject to the Official Information Act 1982.

More information on the fast-track consenting process can be found at <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/about/>.

# Your Comment on the Molesworth Street Office development

All sections of this form with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory.

## 1. Contact Details

Please ensure that you have authority to comment on the application on behalf of those named on this form.

Organisation name (if relevant)	Department of Internal Affairs (National Library)
*First name	Nia
*Last name	Afoa
Postal address	
*Home phone / Mobile phone	
*Email (a valid email address enables us to communicate efficiently with you)	Property@dia.govt.nz Nia.Afoa@dia.govt.nz

## 2. \*We will email you draft conditions of consent for your comment about this application

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I can receive emails and my email address is correct	<input type="checkbox"/>	I cannot receive emails and my postal address is correct
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## 3. Please provide your comments on this application

If you need more space, please attach additional pages. Please include your name, page numbers and the project name on the additional pages

From the information provided our comments regarding the new build project are in relation to the ground works construction phase noting that the National Library have collections within the Rugby House basement as well as within the lower levels of the National Library that are sensitive to vibration, dust and most certainly any water ingress.

While we would not expect there to be any major issues we would want to be well informed of any works that could/would cause vibration, dust or water ingress to our sites and work collaboratively to mitigate any risks prior to them becoming issues.

**Thank you for your comments**