

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

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

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M-5 Minute of the Molesworth Street Office Development Expert Consenting Panel – 06  
September 2021

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1. In Minute M-4, the Molesworth Street Office Development Expert Consenting Panel (the Panel) noted that it had received expert advice from three special advisors (including Andrew Burns in respect of urban design) and it was awaiting advice from a fourth special advisor (Michael Donn a wind specialist).
2. The Panel required the Applicant and any person or organisation who wished to make comments on the expert reports received from the three specialist advisors, to do so by 5pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
3. The Panel went on in Minute M-4 to note that the urban design report raised some significant issues for the Panel's consideration, and that it would be prepared to look favourably on a short extension for the Applicant to provide a more detailed response to that report. The applicant by letter dated 27 August 2021 then made a request for an extension of time.
4. Subsequently on 03 September 2021, and before the Panel had dealt with the extension request, the Applicant made a request to the Panel to suspend the processing of the Molesworth Street Office Development resource consent application under Clause 23(1) of Schedule 6 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act). The request from the Applicant is available on the Environmental Protection Authority's website.
5. The applicant requested that this suspension take effect from 03 September 2021.
6. The Panel may, at its discretion pursuant to Clause 23(4) suspend the processing of a consent application when a request is made under subclause (1). If it does grant a suspension, the Panel must give the consent applicant written advice of the date on and after which the Panel ceased to process the application.
7. The Panel has decided to **grant** the suspension request commencing 11:59pm 07 September 2021. This will take effect immediately from that time and all timeframes associated with the application will be put on hold until a request is made in writing from the applicant that the processing of the application be resumed.
8. The Panel considered that there should be a brief time delay in the time before the suspension took effect to allow for the receipt of comments (if any) on the three expert reports as outlined in paragraph 2 above.
9. In the event, no comments were received by 5pm yesterday, although the Applicant today has sought (in addition to the existing extension request relating to the urban design report ) an extension of time to comment on the Heritage and Transport expert reports.

10. In response to the Applicant's original request for an extension of time as referred to in paragraph 3 above and its additional extension of time sought today, the Panel has formed the view that in all the circumstances it would be appropriate to extend the relevant response periods and therefore **grants** an extension of time to provide comments on all three expert reports until the expiry of two working days after the date on which the processing of the resource consent application is resumed, following:

- (a) a request in writing from the Applicant under clause 23(6) of Schedule 6 to the Act that the processing of the application be resumed; or
- (b) a decision of the Panel under clauses 23(8) and 24(2)(b) of Schedule 6 to the Act to resume processing of the application;  
whichever may be the earlier event.



Duncan Laing

**Chairperson**

**Molesworth Street Office Development Expert Consenting Panel**