

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-3 Minute of the Queenstown Arterials Project Expert Consenting Panel – 17 March 2021

1. On 12 March 2021, the Wakatipu Senior Citizens Association (WSCA), provided comments on the Queenstown Arterials Project.
2. On 15 March 2021, Pro-Invest Development 2 Limited, also provided comments on the Queenstown Arterials Project.
3. On 17 March 2021, Kirsten Zaki, provided comments on the Queenstown Arterials Project.
4. When the Queenstown Arterials Project Expert Consenting Panel (the panel), issued invitations to comment to those parties specified in clauses 17(4) and 17(5) of Schedule 6 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act), in accordance with clause 18(1) of the Act, all comments were to be returned to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) no later than 26 February 2021.
5. 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, as long as they have not issued their decision, consider comments received after the time specified in its invitation.
6. The panel has considered the reasons provided by WSCA, Kirsten Zaki and Pro-Invest Development 2 Limited for the submission of comments subsequent to 26 February 2021, and resolved to exercise their discretion, and consider the comments.
7. These comments can be viewed on the EPA website:
<https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/listed-projects/queenstown-arterials-project/comments/>
8. 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 8 March 2021.
9. As the applicant no longer has the ability to provide a response to the comments provided by WSCA, Kirsten Zaki and Pro-Invest Development 2 Limited, the panel has also resolved to direct the EPA to request information from the applicant under clause 25(1) of Schedule 6 of the Act.

10. In accordance with clause 25(1) of Schedule 6 of the Act, the panel now directs the EPA to request a response from the applicant to the late comments provided by WSCA, Kirsten Zaki and Pro-Invest Development 2 Limited. The EPA is to issue this request on **16 March 2021**, and the information is to be received by the EPA no later than **23 March 2021**.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heather Ash', written in a cursive style.

Heather Ash

Queenstown Arterials Project Expert Consenting Panel