



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Establishing Special Housing Areas in Hamilton City

Portfolio **Housing**

On 26 August 2019, following reference from the Cabinet Legislation Committee, Cabinet:

- 1 **noted** that the Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas Act 2013 (the Act) enables the establishment of special housing areas by Order in Council to facilitate an increase in land and housing supply in regions and districts identified as having housing affordability and supply issues;
- 2 **noted** that on 2 March 2018, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV) confirmed that the delegated authority would remain for the Minister responsible for Special Housing Areas (SHAs) to instruct the Parliamentary Counsel Office to draft Orders in Council declaring SHAs without first seeking Cabinet's agreement [DEV-18-MIN-0011];
- 3 **noted** that the Hamilton City Council has recommended to the Minister of Housing, the responsible Minister, the establishment of the Rotokauri North and Quentin Drive special housing areas;
- 4 **noted** that the Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas (Hamilton City) Amendment Order 2019 was drafted in accordance with Cabinet's authorisation in paragraph 2, and will give effect to paragraphs 3 and 4;
- 5 **noted** that the Minister of Housing has assessed the proposed special housing areas against the criteria specified in the Act and is satisfied all requirements have been met;
- 6 **noted** that section 15(7) of the Act requires the Minister of Housing to recommend the criteria for qualifying developments recommended by the relevant accord territorial authority under section 17(2) of the Act;
- 7 **noted** that a waiver of the 28-day rule is sought:
 - 7.1 so that the special housing areas can be declared as soon as possible;
 - 7.2 on the grounds that the declaration affects only a particular local district and early commencement is desirable to comply with the purpose of the Act;
- 8 **agreed** to a waiver of the 28-day rule so that the Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas (Hamilton City) Amendment Order 2019 can come into force on 30 August 2019;

- 9 **noted** that the Minister of Housing recommends, under the Act, the making of the Order in Council declaring the Rotokauri North and Quentin Drive special housing areas;
- 10 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas (Hamilton City) Amendment Order 2019 [PCO 22095/4.0] .

Michael Webster
Secretary of the Cabinet

Secretary's Note: This minute replaces LEG-19-MIN-0123. Cabinet amended paragraph 8.

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