



Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Establishing Special Housing Areas in Queenstown Lakes

Portfolio **Associate Housing and Urban Development**

On 24 June 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 (SHAs) 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 Cabinet agreed that the delegated authority for the Minister responsible for SHAs to instruct Parliamentary Counsel Office to draft Orders in Council declaring SHAs without first seeking Cabinet's agreement will remain [CAB-18-MIN-0071];
- 3 **noted** that the Queenstown-Lakes District Council has recommended to the Associate Minister of Housing and Urban Development, the responsible Minister, the establishment of the Lake Hawea and Bright Sky (Wanaka) SHAs;
- 4 **noted** that the Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas (Queenstown-Lakes) Amendment Order 2019 was drafted in accordance with Cabinet's authorisation in paragraph 2, and will give effect to the proposal;
- 5 **noted** that the Associate Minister of Housing and Urban Development has assessed the proposed SHAs 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 Associate Minister of Housing and Urban Development 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 SHAs 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 the 28-day rule so that the Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas (Queenstown-Lakes) Amendment Order 2019 can come into force the day after the Order is gazetted;

- 9 **noted** that the Associate Minister of Housing and Urban Development recommends, under the Act, the making of the Order in Council declaring the Lake Hawea and Bright Sky (Wanaka) SHAs;
- 10 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas (Queenstown-Lakes) Amendment Order 2019 [PCO 22096/4.0].

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Secretary of the Cabinet

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