



# Cabinet

## Minute of Decision

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### Establishing Special Housing Areas in the Queenstown-Lakes District and Tauranga 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 Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV) agreed the delegated authority will remain with the Minister responsible for special housing areas 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 Queenstown-Lakes District Council has recommended to Minister of Housing, the responsible Minister, the establishment of the Coneburn Valley special housing area;
- 4        **noted** that the Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas (Queenstown-Lakes) Amendment Order (No.2) 2019 was drafted in accordance with Cabinet's authorisation in paragraph 2, and will give effect to paragraph 3;
- 5        **noted** that Tauranga City Council has recommended to the Minister of Housing, the responsible Minister, the establishment of the Emerald Shores special housing area;
- 6        **noted** that the Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas (Tauranga) Amendment Order 2019 was drafted in accordance with Cabinet's authorisation in paragraph 2, and will give effect to paragraph 5;
- 7        **noted** that the Minister of Housing has assessed the proposed special housing areas against the criteria specified in the Act and on the basis of advice from officials and is satisfied all requirements have been met;
- 8        **noted** that section 15(7) of the Act requires the responsible Minister to recommend the criteria for qualifying developments recommended by the relevant accord territorial authority under section 17(2) of the Act;

- 9 **noted** that a waiver of the 28-day rule is sought:
- 9.1 so that the special housing areas can be declared as soon as possible;
  - 9.2 on the grounds that the declaration affects only a particular local district and early commencement is necessary due to sections 16 and 17 of the Act repealing on 16 September 2019;
- 10 **agreed** to a waiver of the 28-day rule so that the Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas (Queenstown-Lakes) Amendment Order (No.2) 2019 can come into force on 30 August 2019;
- 11 **agreed** to a waiver of the 28-day rule so that the Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas (Tauranga) Amendment Order 2019 can come into force on 30 August 2019;
- 12 **noted** that the Minister of Housing recommends, under the Act, the making of the attached Orders in Council declaring the Coneburn Valley and Emerald Shores special housing areas;
- 13 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of:
- 13.1 Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas (Queenstown-Lakes) Amendment Order (No.2) 2019 [PCO 22304/2.0];
  - 13.2 Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas (Tauranga) Amendment Order 2019 [PCO 22305/2.0].

Michael Webster  
Secretary of the Cabinet

*Secretary's Note: This minute replaces LEG-19-MIN-0121. Cabinet amended paragraphs 10 and 11.*

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