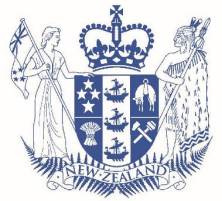


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FTAA-2604-1205

Subject: Notice of application by Westhaven Residential Limited Partnership, and invitation to comment under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Dear Minister,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application by Westhaven Residential Limited Partnership for the proposed 188 Beaumont Street development under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024. These comments are provided in my capacity as Minister for Building and Construction.

I note the proposed development is expected to make a significant contribution to housing supply and construction activity. In particular, the project is anticipated to:

- Deliver approximately 210 new dwellings, helping to ease housing affordability pressures by increasing housing supply.
- Create around 1,240 peak construction jobs and approximately 3,400 full-time equivalent (FTE) years of construction employment over the life of the project.
- Enable faster housing delivery through the use of existing infrastructure.
- Support the wider construction workforce and supply chain through a substantial five-year building programme.

From a Building and Construction portfolio perspective, these outcomes align with the Government's objective of increasing housing supply and improving the efficiency and productivity of the construction sector. The delivery of additional housing in well-connected urban locations can assist in addressing housing demand while making effective use of existing infrastructure and services.

The scale and duration of the proposed construction programme are also expected to provide sustained employment opportunities across the construction sector and support associated trades, suppliers, and businesses. This will contribute positively to maintaining workforce capability and capacity within the industry.

Accordingly, I consider that the project has the potential to deliver positive benefits for housing supply, construction employment, and the broader construction sector.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments on this application.

Kind regards

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Hon Chris Penk
Minister for Building and Construction