
New Dunedin Hospital – Stage 1 Enabling Works – Fast Track Consent Granted

On 23 December 2021, the Ministry of Health and Minister of Health were granted resource consent under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 for the enabling works required for the new Dunedin Hospital project.

The enabling works comprise excavation and removal of existing building slabs, earthworks and dewatering, and piling required for the foundations of the hospital buildings. These works will be underway shortly, with the first piles due to be installed by mid-May. The \$1.4 billion new Dunedin Hospital will support the SDHB's continued provision of high quality health services throughout the lower South Island, and will be a key urban landmark for Dunedin, testament to the city's long-standing role in health provision and health education.

[Lauren Semple](#), [Rachel Murdoch](#) and [William Hulme-Moir](#) have been advising the Ministry on all consenting matters relating to the new Dunedin Hospital including applying for and obtaining Ministerial approval to utilise the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020. The new Dunedin Hospital is one of two recent projects that the team have successfully consented via this fast track route. Subsequent stages of the Dunedin hospital project will consent the above ground works for the new Inpatient, Outpatient and Logistics buildings.

The obtaining of resource consent has progressed in parallel with the acquisition of property rights for the development. [Julian Smith](#) led our team advising the Ministry on those property rights.

Specialist Expertise

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