

Performance of the Regional Investment Activation Fund and the Regional Job Creation Fund

Answers to Supplementary Questions

Jamberoo Action Park

1. Your submission and evidence at the public hearing (page 11, uncorrected transcript) identified that the lack of discretion for minor design amendments leads to delays and private certifiers' reluctance to make those minor amendments. In your opinion, how can the government address this issue?

Thank you again for the opportunity to discuss the success and concerns of the Regional Job Creation Fund and more broadly, regional development acceleration and limitations.

In response to the attached follow up question, I but it to our certifier also for their input, which I would like to adopt as our response as it seems very fair and reasonable. Please see below:

The legislation used to state that the development must be generally not inconsistent with the development consent (which allowed a bit of flexibility), however over the last 2 or so years it was changed to state that the development must be consistent with the development consent (which from a legal perspective means that no changes are typically allowed).

Whilst I don't expect them to make changes to legislation (to catch out the dodgy developers and certifiers), maybe the persons issuing consents for larger developments like Jamberoo that are generally approved by the Council with lesser detailed plans and documentation could include a condition which permits smaller changes or opportunity to consult Council planner (without the need for a completely new or modified application) so they can advise of consistency with the intent of the DA consent.