
MINUTE 9 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Suspension of Application Processing
Takitimu North Link – Stage 2
[FTAA-2507-1085]

4 February 2026

[1] By a memorandum dated 4 February 2026 the Applicant requested a suspension of the processing of the Application under s 64 FTAA.

[2] The suspension was requested to provide the Applicant with sufficient time to consider the comments received from relevant administering agencies, hapū representatives, and the Panel’s ecology advisor regarding the Applicant’s proposed conditions, and to determine whether any further amendments to those conditions are appropriate.

[3] The Applicant has advised it intends for the suspension to be for six working days, beginning 11:59pm, 4 February 2026.

[4] Under s 64 FTAA the Panel grants the suspension as at the date of receiving the Applicant’s request for suspension. Processing of the application ceases at 11:59pm, 4 February 2026, with day 1 of the suspension recorded as 5 February 2026.

[5] The Applicant has agreed that the Panel may continue its evaluation of the application and decision-making work during the period of suspension.

Updated timetable for matters set out in Panel Minute 8

[6] In light of the suspension, the Applicant has proposed an amended timetable for the directions contained in the Panel's earlier Minute 8, which the Panel confirms. The Panel directs that the Applicant's closing legal submissions, updated suite of conditions, and response to RFI5 are due by **midday on Monday 16 February 2026**.

[7] This suspension will have the effect of extending the relevant dates under ss 69 to 72 FTAA by 6 working days, with the final decision due date now being **19 March 2026**.

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