

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

MINUTE 2 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Suspension of Application under section 74 FTAA
Drury Metropolitan Centre [FTAA-2502-1019]

(14 August 2025)

- [1] By Memorandum dated 13 August 2025, and in accordance with section 64(1) of the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA), the Applicant's Agent made a written request to the EPA that the processing of the substantive application be suspended.
- [2] The suspension was sought to ensure that the Applicant has sufficient time to respond to the comments provided by invited parties under section 53 of the FTAA, and to allow the Applicant time to have further discussions with Auckland Council, Auckland Transport, and NZTA.
- [3] Pursuant to section 64(3), the Expert Panel (Panel) may, at its discretion, suspend the processing of the Application. Whilst the discretion is broadly framed, the Panel must nevertheless exercise its discretion in a principled way, including by reference to the purpose of the FTAA.
- [4] Having considered the reasons for the requested suspension, the Panel considers that granting the suspension sought is consistent with the

purpose of the FTAA.

- [5] The Applicant has requested that, at this time, the suspension would be for a period of five working days. Unless advised otherwise, processing of the application will resume on Friday 22 August 2025.
- [6] As a consequence of the request being made before the due date for the Applicant to respond to comments, the date by which comments are to be responded to will necessarily be extended. At this stage the applicant proposes to respond to all comments by 11.59 pm Monday 25 August 2025.
- [7] In accordance with section 64 of the FTAA, the Panel grants the request to suspend processing of the substantive application, effective from 11:59pm Thursday 14 August 2025. The Panel authorises the EPA to give notice of this decision to the Applicant, and all persons or groups invited to provide comment under section 53 of the FTAA.



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