

# Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

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## MINUTE 12 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Invitation to Ministers to comment on the draft decision  
Maitahi Village [FTAA-2502-1009]

19 August 2025

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### Introduction

[1] Following the issue of Minute 11, the EPA invited comments on the Panel's draft conditions from the parties referred to in s 70 of the Act.

[2] The EPA received comments from the applicant, Nelson City Council and six parties who had previously provided comment under s 53 of the Act.

[3] The Panel noted that, of the responses received, there were no comments of any relevance or materiality on any of the draft conditions that related to cultural values, iwi engagement, Māori development, or any other matters directly concerning iwi.

[4] The Panel continues to assess the responses received to determine what changes, amendments, or additions, should be made to the Panel's draft decision and conditions.

### Invitation to Ministers to comment on the draft decision

[5] Given the nature of the responses referred to in paragraph 4 above, the Panel considers that it is now appropriate to provide copies of its draft decision, including any draft conditions to the Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te

Arawhiti and the Minister for Māori Development for comment pursuant to s 72 of the Act.

[6] The EPA is therefore directed to provide the latest draft of the decision to the Ministers, along with the draft conditions to the Ministers.

[7] Given the length and complexity of the draft decision, the EPA is encouraged in its correspondence with the Ministers to provide appropriate references to those parts of the draft decision dealing with cultural values and iwi engagement.

### **Timeframe**

[8] In accordance with s 72(2) the Ministers are allowed 10 working days to comment on the draft decision. The Panel therefore directs that comments be received by 2 September 2025.



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**Maitahi Village Expert Panel Chair**