
MINUTE 17 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Request for WRC to provide further comments in relation to
surface water and dewatering conditions
Green Steel [FTAA-2506-1074]
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- [1] The Waikato Regional Council's (WRC) comments on the application dated 18 November 2025 stated that there are insufficient design details in the Application to enable WRC to provide draft conditions for the surface water take (resulting from stormwater diversion for reuse and cooling) and dewatering activities. In its comments, WRC suggested that the Applicant could apply for dewatering and the surface water take consents (if required), after the determination of the Fast Track process.
- [2] The Panel will shortly be issuing draft conditions for comment from specified parties (and will issue a Minute with further details including deadlines for responses). Ahead of issuing the draft conditions, the Panel wishes to give advance notice that any response by WRC is to include either a set of suggested conditions to address surface water, or an explanation as to what further information would be required to enable development of these conditions.
- [3] In relation to dewatering, the Panel draws WRC's attention to proposed new conditions 19, 20 and 21 of the Authorisation for Earthworks and Overburden Placement which have been added by the Applicant in response to concerns regarding of land settlement beyond the site's property boundary as a result of earthworks and/or dewatering on the site. WRC should also comment on whether these conditions satisfy the dewatering condition requirements and if not, what further information would be required to enable development of dewatering conditions.



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