

**BEFORE AN EXPERT PANEL**

**FTAA-2510-1118**

**SOUTHERN SEAWALL RENEWAL PROJECT**

Under the **FAST-TRACK APPROVALS ACT 2024**

In the matter of an application by Wellington International Airport  
Limited for approvals for the Southern Seawall  
Renewal Project

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**MEMORANDUM FROM WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL IN RESPONSE TO MINUTE 3  
FROM THE PANEL DIRECTING EXPERT CONFERENCING AND CONDITIONS**

7 April 2026

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## **MAY IT PLEASE THE PANEL**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 This memorandum is in response to Minute 3 from the Panel dated 27 March 2026 directing expert conferencing and conditions.

1.2 There are two matters relevant to Wellington City Council (WCC) listed in Minute 3. These are matter 3 regarding contamination and matter 6 regarding geotechnical conditions.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 WCC provided comments to the Panel on the proposed application under section 53 of the Fast-track Approvals Act dated 10 March 2026.

2.2 Wellington International Airport Limited (WIAL) provided a response to comments dated 17 March 2026 including evidence from Sarah Shepherd on contamination matters and evidence from Jennifer Hart and Amy Sheppard on geotechnical matters including updated geotechnical conditions.

### **3. CONTAMINATION**

3.1 WCC's contaminated land expert, Nerena Rhodes, met with the WIAL expert, Sarah Shepherd, and reached an agreement. A Joint Witness Statement from these experts is currently being prepared and will be provided to the Panel by 10 April 2026.

### **4. GEOTECHNICAL CONDITIONS**

4.1 The WCC geotechnical expert, John Ashim, and the WCC RMA consenting expert, Cedric Tevaga, have reviewed WIALs response to comments and updated conditions. They are satisfied that the geotechnical conditions as

amended in the WIAL response to comments sufficiently address WCC's concerns.

4.2 WCC determines there is no need for the Applicant and WCC experts to confer as the matter is adequately resolved through the amended conditions.

4.3 WCC has notified the Applicant of the WCC position and agreed the amended conditions will be carried forward in the final set of proposed conditions directed by the Panel under matter 6 of Minute 3.

**Dated** 7 April 2026

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**Adam McCutcheon**

**District Planning Manager**

**Wellington City Council**