
MINUTE 8 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Acoustic peer review and consideration of hearing
Foxton Solar Farm [FTAA-2510-1121]
[2 July 2026]

[1] The purpose of this minute is to address the acoustic peer review provided by Mr Humpheson and to record the expert panel's (Panel) consideration of whether a hearing is required for the Foxton Solar Farm Application (the Application).

Acoustic peer review

[2] On 1 July 2026, Mr Humpheson provided the Panel with an acoustic peer review of the Applicant's acoustic assessment. The peer review can be viewed on the fast-track website at: <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/foxton-solar-farm/reports-and-advice>

[3] The Panel directs the Applicant to provide a response to Mr Humpheson's acoustic peer review and confirm whether it agrees or disagrees with Mr Humpheson's conclusions and his recommended amendments to consent conditions contained in that review by **close of business 9 July 2026**.

Hearing

[4] Section 56 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 states there is no requirement for a Panel to hold a hearing in respect of a substantive application, and no person has a right to be heard by a Panel.

[5] The Panel has considered whether a hearing is necessary in relation to the Application. Having regard to the information before it, the Panel does not consider that a hearing is required.



Amanda Dewar

Foxton Solar Farm Expert Panel Chair