

Decision under section 47 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

July 2026

DECISION ON COMPETING APPLICATIONS AND EXISTING RESOURCE CONSENTS for the Wairakei South project under section 47 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

1. This document records the EPA's decision on whether the substantive application submitted by Bell Road Limited Partnership on 19 May 2026 (the application) has a competing application and existing resource consent under section 47 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act).
2. In consultation with consent authorities and administering agencies the application **does not** have a competing application for the purposes of section 47A(1) of the Act.
3. The EPA **has not** received notice under section 47A(3) from the consent authority or administering agency that a competing application has been determined and any rights of appeal that relate to that application have been exhausted or have expired.
4. In consultation with consent authorities and administering agencies the application **does not** have existing resource consents for the purposes of section 47A(4) of the Act.
5. This record of the EPA's decision constitutes notice under section 47B that a panel may be set up for the application.

Conflict of interest

6. The Minister has delegated the Minister's functions, powers and duties under section 47A to the EPA under section 47C of the Act in an instrument of delegation dated 22 February 2026.
7. The EPA Board has delegated the decision-making power in section 47A to me under an instrument of delegation dated 31 March 2026. I confirm that I do not have any conflict of interest in respect of this application that would prevent me making this decision.

Signed



Ben Bond
Team Leader under delegated authority

Dated: 8 July 2026