
MINUTE OF THE PANEL CONVENER

Request for Section 51 report for Pound Road Industrial Development
[FTAA-2505-1057]
(27 August 2025)

[1] This Minute directs the EPA to obtain advice and a report from the Director-General of Conservation pursuant to section 51 of the Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024.

[2] I have read the following documents:

- (a) Assessment of Effects on the Environment (AEE)
- (b) Appendix 7 – Assessment of Ecological Effects for Pound Road Industrial Development
- (c) Appendix 8 – Lizard Management Plan for the Pound Road Industrial Development
- (d) Appendix 14 – Consent conditions
- (e) Appendix 18 – Consultation records
- (f) Appendix 25 - Schedule 7(2) Wildlife Act Approval

[3] The applicant, NTP Development Holdings Limited, seeks a Wildlife Approval to s 42(4)(h) of the Act for disturbing native lizard habitat and for the capture and relocation of any native lizards.

[4] Pursuant to section 51(1) of the Act, the Director-General of Conservation is to file a report advising how the weighting of matters set out in Schedule 7, clause 3 of the Act should be approached, having regard to relevant senior court decisions.

[5] Pursuant to section 51(2)(c) of the Act, if the Director-General of

Conservation does not agree with, or wishes to amplify, the expert and planning assessment lodged in support of the wildlife approval, she must file a report in accordance with Schedule 7, clause 3.

[6] For the avoidance of doubt, the Director-General of Conservation:

- (a) may confirm and append advice previously given in response to a panel convener's directions under s 51(1) on another project; and
- (b) does not need to provide an assessment of the approval pursuant to s 51(2)(c) if she concurs with the expert and planning assessments filed by the applicant.

[7] The Director-General of Conservation is to respond to the draft conditions, including any management plan attached to the application, recommending track-changed amendments (if any).

[8] Any advice or report received will be provided by the EPA to the persons listed in section 51(5).

[9] Finally, it would assist the panel convener if the Director-General of Conservation is able to indicate her views on the application at the convener's conference.

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Jane Borthwick

Panel convener for the purpose of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024