



RE: FTAA-2504-1054 Ryans Road Industrial Development - Invite to comment under Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

From Environment Portfolio <Environment.Portfolio@parliament.govt.nz>

Date Mon 1/09/2025 11:00 AM

To Substantive <substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz>

Good day,
Thank you for the below invitation to comment.
Please be advised that Minister Simmonds has reviewed this application and does not wish to provide comment.
Kind regards,



Office of Hon Penny Simmonds

Environment Portfolio

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From: Substantive

Sent: Monday, 18 August 2025 1:28 PM

To: Penny Simmonds (MIN)

Subject: Ryans Road Industrial Development - FTAA-2504-1054 - Invite to comment under Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

You are receiving this letter in your capacity as the **Minister for the Environment**, as you have been identified as holding a portfolio relevant to the application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

Tēnā koe

Notice of application by Carter Group Limited, and invitation to comment under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Notice of Application

On 23 April 2025, Carter Group Limited lodged an application with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for the Ryans Road Industrial Area under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). The application included applying for the following:

- an approval described in section 42(4)(a) or (d) (resource consent)
- an approval described in section 42(4)(h) (wildlife approval).

On 15 May 2025 the EPA determined that the application complied with section 46(2) of the Act. On 28 May 2025 the EPA decided under Ministerial delegation that the application does not have competing applications [or existing resource consents] under section 47 of the Act and has now referred the application to the Ryans Road Industrial Development expert panel (the Panel) for processing and decision.

A copy of the application(s) and supporting documents can be accessed on the Fast-track website:

<https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/ryans-road-industrial-development>

Invitation to Comment

The Panel invites you to comment on the above application under sections 53 and 54 of the Act. You have been invited to comment under section 53(2)(j) of the Act because you have been identified as holding a relevant portfolio that may be

affected by or have an interest in the application.

Your portfolio has been identified as:

- Minister for the Environment

If you wish to comment on the application, please submit your comments to the Fast-track Team by email to substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz with the project name in the subject line. A response form is enclosed to assist you with providing relevant details.

To assist timeframes to be met, email is the preferred method for response, if you are unable to submit your comments digitally, you may respond by post to Ryans Road Industrial Development Fast-track Application, Environmental Protection Authority, Private Bag 63002, Waterloo Quay, Wellington 6140.

Your comments must be received by the Fast-track Team no later than Monday 15 September 2025. There is no right for you (or any other person) to seek a waiver of this time limit.

The Fast-track Team will forward copies of any comments received to Carter Group Limited and the Panel.

If you comment on the application, the Panel will also invite you to comment on the draft conditions at a later stage. If you do not comment on the application, you will be notified of the decision on the application when it is made.

Important information

Your personal information will be held by the EPA and used in relation to the project consent application process. You have the right to access and correct personal information held by the EPA. Certain information in relation to your comments on the application will become public as the EPA will publish a copy of your comments on the Fast-track website.

If you are a corporate entity making comments on this application, your full contact details will be publicly available. For individuals, your name will be publicly available, but your contact details (phone number, address, and email) will not be publicly available.

All information held by the EPA is subject to the Official Information Act 1982. If you believe any of the information you provide is confidential or sensitive and should be withheld from publication, please highlight the information concerned and provide an explanation to support your request for withholding it.

Minute of the Expert Panel

On 18 August 2025, the Panel released **Minute 3** regarding this invitation to comment. You are also advised that on 15 August 2025 the Panel released **Minute 2**, which notified parties that the Applicant has filed a memorandum together with various reports and amended plans documenting proposed amendments to the Application. **It is requested that all parties refer to these minutes and review the amended documents.**

These Minutes are attached to this email and can shortly be read on the Fast-track website:

www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/ryans-road-industrial-development/correspondence.

Further Information

More information on the fast-track consenting process can be found at <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/>

More information on commenting on Fast-track consenting can be found at <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/process/comments>

If you have any questions please contact Steph Bougen, Application Lead, by email at substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

Steph Bougen

Application Lead, Fast-track Team

