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**MINUTE 15 OF THE EXPERT PANEL**

Suspension of processing  
Ashbourne [FTAA-2507-1087]

5 February 2026

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1. In Minute 14, the Panel suggested the Applicant request a suspension of processing to allow time for the Applicant to provide a response to the request for information and to provide an updated set of draft conditions following consultation with the Councils.
2. On 5 February 2026, the Applicant responded, requesting to suspend processing for a total of 10 working days.
3. As part of that request the Applicant advised it gave approval for the Panel to continue working and incurring costs during the suspension.
4. The Panel grants the requested 10 working day suspension of the application from **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February** until **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026** (taking into account Waitangi Day on 6 February). The Application will recommence processing on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026.
5. For clarity the Panel notes that this suspension will have the effect of extending the relevant dates under ss 69 to 72 FTAA by 10 working days, with the final decision due date now being 25 March 2026.



Sue Simons  
Expert Panel Chair