

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

MINUTE 11 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Legal advice received
Hananui Aquaculture Project
[FTAA-2511-1138]

4 August 2026

Appointment of technical advisor

[1] Under clause 10(3) of Schedule 3 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, the Panel may appoint a technical adviser as it thinks appropriate.

[2] The Panel has appointed Matthew Allan and Lisa Wansbrough from Brookfields Lawyers to assist the Panel with legal advice.

Advice received and opportunity to respond

[3] On 4 August 2026, the Panel received the requested advice from Brookfields, which is available to view on the Fast-track website, here: <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/hananui-aquaculture-project/reports-and-advice>

[4] The Panel sought advice on the two questions set out in the introduction of Brookfields' memorandum.

[5] The Panel's decision is due on Monday, 10 August 2026. Accordingly, if any party wishes to provide comments on the legal advice received, they are requested to do so **no later than 12pm on Thursday, 6 August 2026.**

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Bal Matheson KC

Hananui Aquaculture Project Expert Panel Chair