
MINUTE 7 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Disclosure of Interest

Southern Link Inland Port FTAA-2604-1207
5 August 2026

[1] This Minute records a disclosure of interest by Expert Panel Member Steve Abley.

[2] Mr Abley has advised that an employee of his firm Abley Limited has been contracted by AECOM to undertake a Safe System Audit of design work that Stantec is undertaking for NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) in relation to SH1 and 87 at Mosgiel as part of a proposed business case for road network improvements.

[3] Mr Abley advises that the contract was entered into in late July 2026 and he only became aware of the matter this week. Mr Abley has no oversight of the contracted work.

[4] If the applicant or any party invited to comment in Minute 3 has any concerns about the matter disclosed, they can be raised by emailing the EPA by 2pm on Friday 7 August 2026 to substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz.

[5] The Expert Panel interests register has been updated accordingly.



Cindy Robinson
Expert Panel Chair