

# Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

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## MINUTE 9 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Technical Review – Hydrology  
Drury Quarry Expansion - Sutton Block [FTAA-2503-1037]

5 November 2025

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### Technical Review – Hydrology

[1] As noted in Minute 5, the Panel requested that the EPA commission a report on an issue relevant to the Application, being a peer review report on hydrology.

[2] Mr Jon Williamson was retained to obtain further expert advice in relation to the scale of potential hydrological effects and effects on surface water (wetlands and streams), other quarries, and other groundwater (bore) users. The Panel noted, in particular, references to the potential for a 7.5km groundwater effects radius.

[3] Mr Williamson attended expert conferencing on 31 October 2025 and has now issued his report, a copy of which is dated 4 November 2025 and **attached** to this Minute.

[4] The Panel has (very) briefly reviewed Mr Williamson's report today, prior to circulating it via this Minute. We note the general comfort it provides in relation to a number of the matters discussed at expert conferencing. However we also note the queries raised regarding the need for a further piezometer to be installed (for early warning), and the content of proposed conditions 182 and 191 in particular.

[5] The Applicant and Auckland Council (particularly Mr Kelsey, if available) are invited to respond to Mr Williamson's report, should they wish to, on or before **Tuesday 11 November 2025**. Noting that the Panel's draft decision is due to be issued on Thursday 13 November 2025, the Panel would appreciate earlier responses if possible.



Catherine Somerville-Frost

**Drury Quarry Expansion - Sutton Block Expert Panel Chair**