
MINUTE 1 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Project overview conference
Ayrburn Screen Hub
FTAA-2508-1093

(5 November 2025)

[1] The purpose of this Minute is to confirm the time and the details for an on-line briefing from the applicant and other participants.

[2] The briefing will be held on 10 November 2025 at 1pm. All participants are encouraged to attend.

[3] The purpose of the conference is to familiarise the Expert Panel with:

- (a) the content of the application for approvals;
- (b) the content and structure of proposed conditions;¹
- (c) the key points of evidence (technical reports, assessments and other information) provided in support of the application;
- (d) relevant legal tests and legal issues in contention;
- (e) the planning framework applying to the applications within the District Council's jurisdiction; and
- (f) other relevant matters.

And to discuss arrangements for a site visit the Expert Panel plans to undertake on 17 November 2025.

¹ Including management plans, adaptive management protocols drafting style

[4] During the conference:

- (a) the Applicant has an opportunity to present a high-level overview of the application;
- (b) the Expert Panel has an opportunity to ask any questions about the application, noting that by the time of the briefing, panel members plan to have familiarised themselves with the documents; and
- (c) the participants may raise any matters that they wish to bring to the panel's attention.

[5] The Expert Panel requests that the Applicant's planning advisor(s) attend the conference in order to provide feedback on point [3](e).

[6] The Expert Panel requests also that the participants be in a position to update it on progress resolving the issues discussed with the Panel Convenor in the conference she convened on 15 October 2025.

[7] The participants should note that, while the Expert Panel will be reasonably familiar with the application documents, they will not have had an opportunity to consider matters in detail. There will be further opportunities in this process for that to occur.

[8] To facilitate the overview of the application referred to in paragraph 4(a) above, it is suggested that the Applicant provides a short PowerPoint presentation to the EPA's Application Lead, Melita Raravula, no later than 9am on 10 November, and then speak to it at the briefing at 1pm that day.

[9] The details for the briefing session will be provided by Melita Raravula and she can be contacted at: info@fastrack.govt.nz.

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Expert Panel Chair