

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

MINUTE 12 OF THE EXPERT PANEL Omissions from invitation to comment on draft conditions

State Highway 1 North Canterbury – Woodend Bypass Project (Belfast to Pegasus) Substantive Application [FTAA-2512-1157]

16 July 2026

[1] On 15 July 2026 we were advised by the EPA that an administrative error occurred when it sent out the invitations to comment on the Panel’s draft decision and conditions. Consequently, three of the original s 53 commentators did not receive the draft documents:

- Te Kohaka O Tuhaitara Trust
- Philp Jenkin
- Brian and Anne Stokes (Suburban Estates)

[2] Accordingly, on 15 July 2026 we asked the EPA to provide the draft documents to those three parties.

[3] We now advise that any comments from these parties must be provided to the EPA on or before 22 July 2026.

[4] The Panel requests that any of the above parties commenting on the draft conditions provide precise wording of any amendments sought to those conditions. This should be done using ‘track changes’ format. The Panel also requests that reasons are provided for the amendments sought, either by way of track changes ‘comments’ or in a separate tabulated document.

[5] Word format copies of the draft conditions will be provided by the EPA upon request. Please contact: substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz.

[6] As detailed in clause 4 of s 70, the Applicant must file any response to comments received within 5 working days of comments close. The Applicant’s response to any comments provided by the above parties is therefore due by

29 July 2026, or any such earlier date that the Applicant chooses should comments from any of the three parties be received prior to 22 July 2026.

[7] We would appreciate both the three parties and the Applicant acting expeditiously within the above timeframes given the late stage of this consenting process.

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Rob van Voorthuysen
Woodend Bypass Project Expert Panel Chair