
MINUTE 4 OF THE PANEL CONVENER
Seeking clarification of date for filing reports
[FTAA-2604-1217]
30 July 2026

[1] A conference was held on 29 July 2026 to gather participant views on matters arising in relation to Nova Energy Ltd's application for a solar farm. This is one of four applications for solar farms located in the Mackenzie Basin, three of which are on the fast-track.

[2] Because it is relevant to the commencement date and to the timeframe for a decision, the Applicant is to advise by **Wednesday, 5 August 2026** (or earlier):

- (a) The date that it will respond to the requests for further information made by the local authorities and the Department of Conservation;¹
- (b) The indicative date when supplementary reports will be filed addressing cumulative effects, if the final decision of the expert panel is to grant approval for Haldon solar farm and that decision is not subject to appeal.² A decision on Haldon is expected by 13 August 2026;

¹ Considered gaps in information by the local authorities and DoC, at the conference the Applicant indicated that it would respond to most of the matters identified in June 2026. The information is required before participants to resolve wording of proposed conditions.

² The applicant advised several experts have been briefed to respond on cumulative effects.

- (c) Whether the Applicant agrees to a timeframe exceeding 90 working days. A longer timeframe could be justified if approvals are granted for the Point solar project and the Ruataniwha solar project. A decision on Point solar farm is due by 2 November 2026.

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Panel convener for the purpose of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024