

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

MINUTE 7 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Recommencement of processing and expert conferencing
Waikanae North Development [FTAA-2603-1194]

24 August 2026

Recommencement of processing

[1] On 18 August 2026, the Panel granted the Applicant's request to suspend processing of the application under section 64 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act).

[2] On 21 August 2026, the Applicant filed a request for processing to resume. In accordance with section 65 of the Act, processing of the application therefore resumed from 11:59pm on 21 August 2026.

[3] A copy of the Applicant's request can be viewed on the Fast-track website, here: <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/waikanae-north-development/correspondence>

[4] Processing of the application has now been suspended for a total of 9 working days. As a result, and subject to any further suspensions, the Panel's final decision is now due on 17 November 2026.

Updated conditions and expert conferencing

[5] The Applicant has also filed a set of updated conditions, as well as several amended application documents. Copies of the conditions and updated material can be viewed here: <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/waikanae-north-development/reports-and-advice>

[6] While the Panel is still considering the application, the Panel takes the view that there may be several matters relating to the updated conditions of consent, and the Applicant's response to invited comments, that could benefit from expert conferencing.

[7] To help the Panel determine which matters may warrant expert conferencing on the conditions, the Panel requests the following information from all parties that provided comments under section 53 of the Act:

- a) Identification of any issues with the updated proposed conditions, or the absence of specific conditions that in their view, should be included;
- b) What experts you would have attend conferencing on the issues identified, including their qualifications, area of expertise, and contact details; and
- c) The availability of those experts between 31 August 2026 and 11 September 2026.

[8] For absolute clarity, attendance at expert conferencing will be limited to qualified experts. Members of the public will not be able to attend. However, those who provided comments on the application may still respond to paragraph 7(a) of this Minute.

[9] Responses can be sent via email to Substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz, and are due by **Thursday 27 August 2026**.

[10] The Applicant is also asked to advise of the availability of their experts between 31 August 2026 and 11 September 2026, also by **Thursday 27 August 2026**.



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Waikanae North Development Expert Panel Chair