
MINUTE OF THE ASSOCIATE PANEL CONVENER

Panel appointments and decision time frame
Delmore [FTAA-2502-1015]

(7 May 2025)

[1] I note that in Minute 5 dated 2 May 2025 the Convener delegated her functions, duties and powers to me.

[2] The purpose of this Minute is to confirm:

- (a) Appointment of panel members (FTAA, Schedule 3).
- (b) The timing of the panel decision (FTAA, section 79).

[3] In accordance with clause 4(2) of Schedule 3, I appointed myself as chairperson. The following other persons have also been appointed to decide the substantive application lodged for Delmore (FTAA-2502-1015):

- (a) Lisa Mein
- (b) Nigel Mark-Brown

[4] The date for commencement of the panel is Monday 12 May 2025.

[5] I have fully considered all the matters raised during and after the Convener's conference held on 30 April 2025. An important consideration is Auckland Council was clear that it has not fully engaged with the application and will need sufficient time to do so.

[6] Subsequent to the conference I was informed that that Auckland Council has started to fully engage with the application and has commissioned its expert team to undertake work and is in the process of arranging site visits with the applicant.

[7] Subject to processing of the application being suspended for any of the reasons outlined in section 60 of the Act, the decision on the application will be due on 12 September 2025.

[8] I appreciate this is a longer than what the applicant considered would be necessary, but it is my view that this extended time period is needed to ensure:

- (a) That the statutory timeframes set out in the Act can be appropriately met by the participants and the panel;
- (b) The public holidays are accounted for;
- (c) The panel has sufficient time to undertake a site visit and assess all the information provided in the application;
- (d) That Auckland Council has the opportunity to continue to fully engage with the application and the panel has the opportunity to seek further information under section 67 if necessary;
- (e) There is sufficient time for the panel to consider and comment on conditions under section 70;
- (f) There is sufficient time for seeking comments from the Minister of Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti, and the Minister for Māori Development under section 72).

[9] In short, given the nature of the application and the indication of issues that may require resolution between the applicant and the participants, particularly Auckland Council, the default period is insufficient.

[10] The expert panel will now set out the next steps in relation to this application. As noted at the conference it is anticipated that the expert panel will seek a briefing from the applicant and participants sometime within the next 2 weeks.



Helen Atkins
Associate panel convener