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## MINUTE 5 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Request for conferencing  
Milldale [FTAA-2503-1038]

(8 September 2025)

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- [1] The purpose of this Minute is to set out our request for conferencing.
- [2] On 5 September 2025, we directed the Environmental Protection Authority to seek comments on the draft conditions.
- [3] Following that, we received a memorandum with attachments from Auckland Council (**attached**) outlining outstanding matters between the Applicant and Council following further discussions between those parties.
- [4] From that memorandum, it appears there would be benefit in the planners for the Applicant and Council conferencing to seek to reach agreement or otherwise narrow points of disagreement in relation to the proposed conditions. This includes potential drafting of conditions in relation to the Council's identified information gaps.
- [5] The conferencing will be facilitated by Steve Mutch. Mr Mutch has been appointed as a technical advisor to act as independent facilitator.
- [6] Mr Mutch is authorised to:
- (a) Act as independent facilitator.
  - (b) In conjunction with the EPA Application Lead invite the planning experts to the expert conferencing session(s);
  - (c) Determine the nature of the conferencing session(s);

- (d) In conjunction with the EPA organise the session(s) (including format, agenda, attendance and Joint Witness Statement(s) (JWS), time and venue – in person or on-line as appropriate).
- (e) Report to the Chair of the Panel on an as -required basis on progress with the conferencing session(s) and on any JWS setting out the outcomes, including matters agreed and not agreed.

[7] The conferencing is to be completed by close of business Friday, 19 September 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Minhinnick', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Daniel Minhinnick  
Milldale Expert Panel Chair