
MINUTE 12 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Issues Conference
Sunfield [FTAA-2503-1039]

(31 October 2025)

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1. By Minute dated 20 October 2025 (Minute 9) the Expert Panel (Panel) directed the Applicant to confer with parties and file memorandum of counsel setting out the key issues in contention, by Wednesday 29 October 2025.
2. Counsel for the Applicant filed a memorandum on 29 October in response to this direction.
3. Subsequently, Counsel for the Auckland Council, Auckland Transport, and Watercare Services Limited (**Auckland Council Family**) filed a memorandum.
4. A number of issues arise.

Direction to confer with parties

5. It is apparent from reading the Memorandum of Counsel for the Applicant, that the Applicant has not conferred with all parties who made comments, as had been directed.
6. It is also apparent from reading the Memorandum of Counsel for the Auckland Council Group, that the framing of the issues in contention is

not agreed as between (at least) the Applicant and the Auckland Council Family.

Further directions - Issues

7. The Applicant is directed to file a further memorandum of counsel recording the parties who were engaged with and those who were not engaged with when preparing the list of issues in contention. Such memorandum to be filed by **12:30pm on Monday 3 November 2025**.
8. Any person who made comments who considers that issues raised in their comments are not included in the list of issues in contention filed by the Applicant are invited to file a memorandum recording those issues. Such memoranda to be filed by **3 pm on Monday 3 November 2025**.

Next procedural steps

9. Counsel for the Auckland Council Family foreshadowed that the Council may file a further brief memorandum prior to the conference on 4 November 2025, setting out the Auckland Council Family's initial thoughts as to potential next procedural steps. The Panel would be assisted by the filing of such a memorandum, and invites any other party who has initial thoughts as to the next procedural steps to do the same.

Direction – Next Procedural Steps

10. Any party who wishes to file a memorandum recording initial thoughts as to potential next procedural steps is to file a memorandum by **3 pm on Monday 3 November 2025**.



Philip Maw
Expert Panel Chair