

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

MINUTE 2 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Project overview conference
Southland Wind Farm [FTAA-2508-1095]

19 November 2025

[1] The purpose of this Minute is to confirm the time and details for an in-person briefing from the Applicant.

[2] The briefing will take place on Wednesday, 26 November 2025, starting at 2:00 p.m. in Invercargill at the Council Chambers, Environment Southland (220 North Rd, Waikiwi, Invercargill.). Two and a half hours have been allocated for this overview conference. Attendance can be either online or in person.

[3] The purpose of the briefing is to familiarise the Expert Panel with:

- a. the content of the application for approvals;
- b. key points of evidence (technical reports, assessments, and other supporting information);
- c. proposed site visit details;
- d. relevant legal tests and legal issues in contention; and
- e. the content and structure of proposed conditions, including management plans and strategic plan, and drafting style;
- f. other relevant matters.

[4] During the briefing:

- a. the Applicant will present a high-level overview of the application;
- b. the Expert Panel will have the opportunity to ask questions about the application, noting that Panel members will have familiarised themselves with the documents by the time of the briefing; and
- c. participants may raise any matters they wish to bring to the Panel's attention.

[5] The Expert Panel requests that the Applicant make available the following appropriate experts (either in person or online) who can assist in the Panel's understanding of the application during the briefing:

- a. lead technical expert on Landscape
- b. lead technical expert on Ecology (particularly relating to terrestrial and wetland ecology)
- c. lead technical expert on Noise
- d. lead technical expert on Planning
- e. Lead technical expert on engineering design and construction
- f. Legal

[6] Participants should note that, while the Expert Panel will be familiar with the application documents, they will not have had the opportunity to consider matters in detail. There will be further opportunities in the process for detailed consideration.

[7] To facilitate the overview referred to in paragraph 4(a), the Applicant may wish to provide a short PowerPoint presentation, and to speak to it during the briefing.

[8] The Panel wishes to invite the following relevant statutory agencies and authorities to this conference:

- a. Relevant administering agency
 - (i) Department of Conservation
- b. Relevant local authority –
 - (i) Gore District Council
 - (ii) Southland District Council
 - (iii) Environment Southland
- c. Relevant iwi authority and relevant Treaty settlement entities

[9] The Panel does not consider it necessary to ask potential commenters to attend the briefing. In the interests of transparency, however, and to provide potential commenters with the same information as that provided to the panel, the briefing will be recorded and made available on the Fast-track website following the conference.

[10] Confirmation of attendance are to be filed by 9am Monday 24 November 2025.

[11] Further details for the briefing session can be provided by Keely Paler, who can be contacted at: info@fasttrack.govt.nz

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'I. Gordon', is positioned above the printed name.

Ian Gordon

Expert Panel Chair of the Southland Wind Farm Panel.