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Post-conference decisions on panel appointment and decision timeframe
[The Point Mission Bay] [FTAA-2511-1133]
4 February 2026

[1] On 30 January 2026 I held a convener conference in respect of this application. The conference was attended by the Applicant and its legal and planning team, and Auckland Council representatives.

[2] The purpose of this minute is to:

- a) Summarise the views expressed by conference participants on the matters of panel composition and the timeframe required for the expert panel to deliver its decision; and
- b) Confirm my decisions on those two matters.

[3] In advance of the conference, I received written memoranda from the Applicant and the Council.

[4] In relation to expert panel composition and expertise, the participants' views can be summarised as follows:

- a) The Applicant considered that the appointment of three Panel members is appropriate for the Application and does not consider there are any factors that warrant the appointment of additional members. In respect of Panel composition, the Applicants consider that legal, urban planning and design and planning expertise would assist.

- b) The only comment made by the Auckland Council on panel composition is that Auckland Council agrees with the Applicant and expertise in considering landscape and visual amenity effects would also be helpful.

[5] In relation to the decision timeframe:

- a) The Applicant proposed that for the purposes of section 53 the commencement date for the Panel is preferred to be 25 February 2025 to enable the comment period and the response to comments to not conflict with Easter.
- b) The Applicant also proposed 45 working days following receipt of comments which, would be 16 June 2025.
- c) The Council advised it had had good interaction with the Applicant to date and had made good progress with conditions. The Council noted that Watercare Services Limited had a few issues with wastewater conditions but noted that this was not significant and ought to be able to worked through in the time period proposed. The Council expressed no specific view on the decision timeframe;
- d) The Council agreed with the Applicant with regards to all the matters contained in its memorandum.

[6] I record my thanks to all conference participants for their attendance and thoughtful participation.

Decisions

[7] I am appointing the following persons to the Expert Panel to determine the substantive application lodged for The Point Mission Bay Project:

- a) Daniel Minhinnick (Chair)
- b) Amanda de Jong
- c) Ian Munro (Council Nominee).

[8] I am satisfied that, collectively, the Expert Panel will hold appropriate expertise and experience in relation to law, planning & policy, residential development, and, as required by the Act, te ao Māori and Māori development.

[9] The Expert Panel may wish to engage other specialist technical disciplines to assist them in their task once they have considered the application in detail.

[10] The date on which the Expert Panel will commence work is **25 February 2026**.

[11] I recommend that the Applicant continue its constructive engagement with the Council to identify or narrow issues in contention and confer on conditions, and to make arrangements for an Expert Panel briefing session and a site visit, ideally both to be undertaken prior to the invitation to comment being issued (which will be no later than 11 March 2026).

[12] I consider that a timeframe of **45 working days** following the receipt of invited comments is appropriate. The Expert Panel decision will be due on 16 June **2026**, subject to the application being suspended for any of the reasons outlined in section 60 of the Act, and to comments on the application being invited on 11 March 2026.

[13] In setting this timeframe I have had regard to the following relevant matters:

- a) The nature of the application and the range of activities for which approval is sought;
- b) The participants' views on complexity and the likely issues requiring resolution; and
- c) The possibility that some mechanism to resolve focused issues, or to workshop conditions, may need to be provided for by the Expert Panel;

[14] In terms of next steps, the participants will be contacted by The Point

Mission Bay Panel upon commencement.



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