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## MINUTE 2 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Invitation to comment  
Wellington International Airport Southern Seawall Renewal  
[FTAA-2510-1118]

(10 February 2026)

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This minute addresses invitations to comment on the application under section 53 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the FTAA).

[1] In accordance with section 53(2) FTAA, the Expert Panel must invite comments from persons listed in sections 53(2) (a) to (n). Note that sections 53(2)(d), 53(2)(f), 53(2)(g), and 53(2)(n) are not relevant to this application. **Appendix 1** provides the list of prescribed persons relevant to this project.

[2] Section 53(2)(h) and (i) state that the owners and occupiers of the land adjacent to the land the application relates must be invited to comment. The Application included an appendix I.01 and I.02 that identified the names and addresses of owners and occupiers of the site and the land adjacent to the site. The EPA has also provided its advice to the Panel based on the Guidance Note entitled: FTA GUIDANCE MATERIAL Identifying Adjacent Land ([https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0018/8226/FTA-GUIDANCE\\_MATERIAL\\_Identifying\\_Adjacent\\_Land\\_Updated-June-2025.pdf](https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/__data/assets/pdf_file/0018/8226/FTA-GUIDANCE_MATERIAL_Identifying_Adjacent_Land_Updated-June-2025.pdf)).

[3] After considering the information from the Applicant and the advice from the EPA the Expert Panel has determined that those persons listed in Appendices attached should be invited to comment. **Appendix 2** includes a map of the adjacent land and **Appendix 3** lists the titles and owner/occupier status of that land.

[4] The Expert Panel consider the Wellington Tenths Trust as having relevant interests in the project area and need to be invited to comment (as noted in **Appendix 1**).

[5] The Expert Panel has considered section 53(3) and determined that the following also need to be invited to comment: the Guardians of the Bays, the Wellington Airport Noise Management Committee and the Wellington Boardriders Club

[6] The Expert Panel has considered the owners and occupiers of the land to which the substantive application relates, as well as those on land the Panel considers to be adjacent. The Panel has determined that it is not necessary to invite the owners and occupiers of land on the northern side of the Airport (shown in red on the map in **Appendix 2**), the Animal Services Centre at 73 Moa Point Road (shown in purple on the map in **Appendix 2**), the retailers within the Main Terminal retail area, and the occupiers of the adjacent Airport Retail Park, as the project works are not likely to affect these parties.

[7] The invitation to comment is dated 10 February 2026 and the date for comments is 20 working days from this date (section 54 FTAA), namely, 10 March 2026.

[8] Comments must be made to the EPA:

- (a) by email to [substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz](mailto:substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz);
- (b) by post to Private Bag 63002, Wellington 6140 New Zealand; or
- (c) in person to Stewart Dawson's Corner, 366 Lambton Quay, Wellington 6011



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### Appendix 1 – Parties invited to Comment under section 53(3)

Section of Act	Description from Act	Party identified
53(2)(a)	the relevant local authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater Wellington Regional Council</li> <li>• Wellington City Council</li> </ul>
53(2)(b)	the relevant iwi authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust (representing Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika)</li> <li>• Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Inc (representing Ngāti Toa Rangatira)</li> </ul>
53(2)(c)	<p>any relevant Treaty settlement entities, including, to avoid doubt,—</p> <p>(i) an entity that has an interest under a Treaty settlement within the area to which the substantive application relates; and</p> <p>(ii) an entity operating in a collective arrangement, provided for under a Treaty settlement, that relates to that area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust (PSGE for the Port Nicholson Block (Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika) Claims Settlement Act 2009);</li> <li>• Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Inc (PSGE for the Ngāti Toa Rangatira Claims Settlement Act 2014, mandated iwi organisation/iwi aquaculture organisation); and</li> <li>• Te Ātiawa ki te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui Pōtiki Trust (mandated iwi organisation/iwi aquaculture organisation, representing Te Ātiawa.)</li> </ul>
53(2)(d)	any protected customary rights groups and customary marine title groups whose protected customary rights area or customary marine title is within the area to which the substantive application relates	NA
53(2)(e)	any applicant group under the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 that is identified in the report prepared under section 18 or 49 and seeks recognition of customary marine title or protected customary rights within the area to which the substantive application relates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAC-01-11-014/CIV-2017-485-260: Te Āti Awa / Taranaki Whānui (Te Ātiawa ki te Upoko o te ika a Maui Potiki Trust);</li> <li>• MAC-01-12-021: Ngāti Toa Rangatira.</li> </ul>

53(2)(f)	ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou if the area to which the substantive application relates is within or adjacent to, or the activities to which it relates would directly affect, ngā rohe moana o ngā hapū o Ngāti Porou	NA
53(2)(g)	the tangata whenua of any area within the area to which the substantive application relates that is a taiāpure-local fishery, a mātaítai reserve, or an area that is subject to bylaws or regulations made under Part 9 of the Fisheries Act 1996	NA
53(2)(h)	owners of the land to which the substantive application relates  (Owners of land adjacent to that land are covered in Table 2 as the panel must exercise judgement on what is considered adjacent)	List of all owners set out in Appendix 3.
53(2)(i)	occupiers of the land to which the substantive application relates unless, after reasonable inquiry, an occupier cannot be identified  (Occupiers of land adjacent to that land unless, after reasonable inquiry, an occupier cannot be identified are covered in Table 2 as the panel must exercise judgement on what is considered adjacent)	List of all occupiers set out in Appendix 3.
53(2)(j)	the Minister for the Environment and other relevant portfolio Ministers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister for the Environment</li> <li>• Minister for Infrastructure</li> <li>• Minister for RMA Reform</li> <li>• Minister for Transport</li> <li>• Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage</li> <li>• Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations</li> <li>• Minister of Conservation</li> <li>• Minister for Māori Crown Relations</li> <li>• Minister for Building and Construction</li> <li>• Minister for Land Information</li> <li>• Minister of Local Government</li> <li>• Minister for Regional Development</li> </ul>

53(2)(k)	relevant administering agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga</li> <li>• Ministry for the Environment</li> <li>• Department of Conservation</li> </ul>
53(2)(l)	any requiring authority that has a designation on land to which the substantive application relates or on land adjacent to that land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meteorological Service of New Zealand Limited</li> </ul>
53(2)(m)	<p>if the approvals sought in the substantive application include—</p> <p>(i) an approval described in section 42(4)(a) or (d) (resource consent or designation), the persons and groups listed in clause 13 of Schedule 5:</p> <p>(ii) an approval described in section 42(4)(e) (concession), the persons listed in clause 5 of Schedule 6:</p> <p>(iii) an approval described in section 42(4)(g) (conservation covenant), the persons listed in clause 44 of Schedule 6:</p> <p>(iv) an approval described in section 42(4)(h) (wildlife approval), the persons listed in clause 4 of Schedule 7:</p> <p>(v) an approval described in section 42(4)(k) (marine consent), the persons listed in clause 5 of Schedule 10:</p> <p>(vi) an approval described in section 42(4)(l) or (m) (access arrangement), the persons listed in clause 5 of Schedule 11</p> <p>(vii) an approval described in section 42(4)(n) (mining permit), the person listed in clause 18 of Schedule 11.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Conservation</li> <li>• New Zealand Conservation Authority</li> <li>• Relevant Conservation Board</li> <li>• New Zealand Fish and Game Council</li> <li>• Game Animal Council</li> </ul>
53(2)(n)	any persons or groups specified by the Minister under section 27(3)(b)(iii).	NA – listed project
53(3)	Comments may be invited from any other person the panel considers appropriate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wellington Tenth's Trust</li> <li>• The Guardians of the Bay</li> <li>• Noise Committee</li> <li>• Board Riders</li> </ul>

## Appendix 2 – Map of adjacent land

## Map 1:

## Wellington International Airport Seawall Renewal Project



Map 1: Land to which the substantive application relates and adjacent land for consideration



Owner	WN392/77
Owner	WN415/110
Owner	WNC3/303
Occupier	WNC3/303
Owner	WN852/1
Occupier	WN852/1
Owner	WN805/14
Occupier	WN805/14
Owner	458563
Occupier	458563
Owner	458564
Owner	WN518/185
Owner	WN415/109
Occupier	WN415/109
Owner	297874
Occupier	297874
Owner	297875
Occupier	297875
Owner	297876
Occupier	297876
Owner	297873
Owner	WN460/310
Occupier	WN460/310
Owner	WN677/5
Occupier	WN677/5
Owner	WN413/223
Occupier	WN413/223
Owner	326114
Occupier	326114
Owner	1167361
Occupier	1167361

Owner	WN43B/27
Occupier	WN43B/27
Owner	973799
Occupier	973799
Owner	WN55D/651
Owner	WN55C/281
Owner	WN55C/279
Occupier	WN55C/280
Owner	WN55D/650
Owner	WN55D/652
Owner	WN55D/653
Occupier	WN55D/653
Owner	WN55D/654
Owner	WN55D/654
Occupier	WN55D/654
Owner	WN48C/431
Occupier	WN48C/431
Owner	WN48C/433
Occupier	WN48C/433
Owner	WNF4/1146
Occupier	WNF4/1146
Owner	978917
Occupier	978917
Owner	978918
Occupier	978918
Owner	WN54C/632
Occupier	WN54C/632
Owner	978916
Occupier	978916
Owner	1166626
Owner	1166627





Occupiers (retail)	1167362
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