
MINUTE 16 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Directions for Conditions Hearing and Panel appointment of technical decision
drafting support

Southern Link Inland Port FTAA-2604-1207

23 September 2026

[1] The Panel confirms that it will proceed with the Conditions Hearings at 2pm on 24 September 2026 online, focusing on the matters set out in paragraph [5] below.

[2] A link to the hearing will be sent to those parties who have confirmed their attendance. A recording of the hearing will be made available on the website as soon as possible following the hearing.

[3] The Panel notes that Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou and Fish and Game Otago representatives have advised that they will not attend on the basis that they are satisfied that the conditions they have now agreed to with the applicant are reflected in the updated applicant's conditions filed on 21 September 2026.

[4] The Panel has received copies of correspondence from NZTA and the applicant's representative regarding the attendance of Mr Roy Johnston, NZTA traffic safety engineer. The Panel confirms that it does not require attendance or input from transportation engineers at the conditions hearing.¹ Our questions in relation to the applicants proposed DCC condition 82 and the NZTA suggestion for condition 75B will be related to drafting matters and clarification regarding the effect of the conditions, these are matters for the planning experts and legal counsel. Mr Johnston is welcome to attend as an observer. The Panel has no

¹ As confirmed in Minute 16

objection to Mr Rossiter observing also if the applicant wishes.

[5] The hearing will focus on the following matters:

DCC conditions²

- a) Condition 82 (rail siding)
- b) NZTA suggested monitoring and review condition 75B and relationship to Review condition 103
- c) Noise Condition 58, 58A and 60 and DCC suggested amendments and additions of 60B-E.
- d) Condition 71B amenity mitigation.
- e) Clarification regarding the rationale for non-certification in relation to conditions 45, 49, 52 and 72.
- f) DCC proposed condition 73A – footpath easement.
- g) DCC finished floor level condition.

ORC conditions³

- h) General drafting improvements as recommended by ORC.
- i) Incidental discharge to land.

[6] It would assist the Panel if the applicant can present a short summary of the matters that remain unresolved following the lodgement of alternative conditions/drafting from DCC, ORC and NZTA at the commencement of the hearing. The Panel will discuss the applicant's need for a reply at the conclusion of the hearing.

² As lodged by the applicant on 21 September 2026

³ Ibid

Appointment of technical support for Panel decision drafting

[7] The Panel records that it has appointed Ms Lisa Thorne (Taylor Planning Limited) to provide technical decision writing assistance to the Panel. The appointment is made in accordance with FTAA, Schedule 3 clause 10(2).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Robinson', with a long, flowing horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Cindy Robinson
Expert Panel Chair