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Tenā koe Jennifer

Minute 7 of the Panel Convenor - "Wairakei South" - FTAA-2605-1227 – Fast-track Approvals Act 2024. Council Reference: RC14565V01FA

We refer to the recent Minute 7 from the Panel Convenor, dated 6 November 2026 for the above Fast-track application by Bell Road Limited Partnership.

We have considered and reviewed the contents of the Minute including the update on conference topics between the applicant and Bay of Plenty Regional Council and the appointment of the Panel to consider the application moving forward.

Specifically, under [7]d.[, you have informed the parties:

> *"Any comments on the proposed commencement date, having regard to the projected delivery date for the further information identified in paragraphs [3] and [4] above, should be provided to EPA no later than* ***5pm on Wednesday 11 November 2026"****;*

On behalf of Western Bay of Plenty District Council, we support the proposed dates as presented in Minute 7 under [7]b and [7]c. Western Bay of Plenty District Council continues to engage with the applicant team on specific matters and trust we can work these through prior to, during the comments phase.

If you have any questions please contact Chris Watt, Development Project Facilitator at [redacted]

Ngā mihi nui



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