
MINUTE 2 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Recording of the Applicant and other participants' briefing
Delmore [FTAA-2502-1015]

(16 May 2025)

[1] The purpose of this Minute is to formally record an overview of the on-line briefing that occurred on 15 May 2025 with the Applicant and other participants.

[2] The attendees at the briefing were:

- (a) Panel members - myself as Chair, Nigel Mark-Brown and Lisa Mein.
- (b) EPA Application Lead - Daya Thomson.
- (c) Applicant - Madeleine Wright, Legal Counsel; Gerard Thompson, Project Planner; Gus Finlayson, Project Planner; Andrew Fawcett, Applicant company director – Vineway Ltd; Djordje Petkovic, Project Architect; and James Kitchen; Project engineering lead.
- (d) Auckland Council - Carly Hinde, Principal Project lead; Dylan Pope, Land Planning and Development consultant.
- (e) Heritage NZ Pouhere Taonga – Emma Clifford, Manager Archaeology.
- (f) Ministry for the Environment – Alison McLaughlin, Senior Analyst - note that this was in an observer capacity only.

[3] Ngati Whatua ([REDACTED]) was also invited to the briefing but did not attend.

[4] Prior to the briefing the Applicant provided a PowerPoint presentation that they intended to use at the briefing. This presentation will be made available on the website shortly.

[5] Heritage NZ Pouhere Taonga have provided its report in accordance with the request made under section 51 FTAA. This report will be available on the website shortly.

[6] Since the Convenor Conference on 30th April 2025 Auckland Council has engaged its expert team to consider the Application and it has provided various memoranda to the Applicant and the Panel. As this engagement process between the Council and the Applicant is continuing the memoranda will not be available on the website at this stage and the material within it will form part of the formal comments that the Council provide when requested to do so under section 53 FTAA.

[7] At the briefing the Applicant provided an overview of the Application/Project with reference to the PowerPoint presentation. We also heard a summary of the regional benefits section of the AEE (section 14) and Appendix 34 from Madeleine Wright. The Council provided an update on where it was at with regards to site visits and the preparation of specialist reports which will be provided to the Panel when Council is requested to comment.

[8] The Panel members had an opportunity to ask questions about the Application. Any specific matters will be included as an appendix to the invitation to comment which is due on 26 May 2025.

[9] I indicated that the Panel have a site visit scheduled for 26 May and there will be another minute issued (for the record) post that visit.

[10] I noted that the next steps are:

- (a) the Panel will request comments by 26 May;
- (b) comments will be due by 25 June;
- (c) the Applicant's response to the comments will be due on or about 2 July (noting that the date starts from the day the Applicant receives the comments).

[11] I also noted that the Panel has the power under section 67 FTAA to request further information or reports, and the participants need to be mindful of this.

[12] The Panel would like to take this opportunity to thank the participants for their attendance at the briefing which the Panel found extremely useful.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'H. Atkins', with a stylized, cursive script.

Helen Atkins
Expert panel chair