

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act)

MINUTE 13 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Further invitation to applicant to comment on draft conditions
Maitahi Village [FTAA-2502-1009]

29 August 2025

Introduction

[1] On 5 August 2025 the Expert Panel issued Minute 11 recording its decision to direct the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to invite comments from various parties on the Panel's draft conditions pursuant to s 70 of the Act.

[2] The EPA then issued the invitation to comment as requested. As a result, comments were received from the Applicant, Nelson City Council and five parties who had previously provided comments on the Application under s 53 of the Act.

[3] Subsequently the EPA issued the Panel's draft conditions and the latest draft decision to the Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti and the Minister for Māori Development (the Ministers) for comment, pursuant to s 72 of the Act.

[4] Pending a response to the above invitation from the Ministers, the Panel has finalised its draft conditions, taking into account all of the comments received following the invitation to comment under s 70 of the Act.

Invitation to Applicant to comment

[5] As a final step in the process of consultation the Panel has decided to issue the latest version of the Panel's draft conditions (in marked up form) to the Applicant for its review.

[6] The reason for this decision is that the Panel is conscious of the requirement in s 83 of the Act that, when exercising a discretion to set a condition, the Panel must not set a condition that is more onerous than necessary to address the the reason for which it is set.

[7] While the Panel has endeavoured, in setting the conditions now to be issued to the Applicant in final draft form, to comply with its statutory obligations, it issues this request to the Applicant out of an abundance of caution.

Timeframe

[8] There is no applicable statutory timeframe within which the Applicant must respond. However, taking into account the provisions of s 10 of the Act regarding timeliness and efficiency, the Panel considers that 3 working days to comment would be appropriate.

[9] The Panel therefore directs that any comments from the Applicant should be sent to the EPA by **Wednesday 3 September 2025**.



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