

24 September 2025

Expert Panel

Sunfield Fast-track Application

FTAA – 2503 -1039

Sunfield Fast-track Application: Response to Minute 8 of the Expert Panel

As requested by the Expert Panel within Minute 8, this statement confirms the details of my qualifications, relevant experience and that my report was prepared in accordance with the Environment Court Practice Note 2023 (Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses).

Qualifications and Relevant Experience

1. My full name is Thomas Mark Nikkel.
2. I hold a Bachelor of Engineering with honours (civil) from Canterbury University. I am a Technical Principal in Stormwater Modelling at WSP New Zealand. I have been employed at WSP since September 2020. I have extensive experience in stormwater engineering, including hydraulic modelling, design, and catchment planning. I am the current chair of the Water New Zealand Stormwater Conference, and a previous chair of the Water New Zealand Stormwater Special Interest Group.
3. I have over 14 years' experience in stormwater engineering, including being the technical lead for stormwater modelling projects across the Auckland Region. I have acted as catchment manager for the Papakura stream catchment, and I have prepared expert evidence and technical assessments for resource consent applications, and plan changes.

Code of Conduct

4. I confirm that I have read the Environment Court Practice Note 2023 – Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses (Code). I agree to follow the Code when participating in any subsequent processes, such as expert conferencing, directed by the Panel.



Thomas Nikkel

Technical Principal – Stormwater Modelling

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