
MINUTE 19 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Acceptance of an additional late comment

Green Steel [FTAA-2506-1074]

(6 March 2026)

- [1] On 26 February 2026, the Panel released its draft conditions for comment, with the period for comment on the draft conditions closing on Thursday, 5 March 2026.
- [2] On 6 March 2026 Waikato Regional Council (WRC) submitted an additional late comment on the draft conditions which referred to a just-released guideline issued by Water Quality Australia relating to PFOS in freshwater. WRC seeks to add to its comments on the draft conditions to reflect these guidelines.
- [3] Under s 81(6) of the Act, the Panel may (but is not required to) consider comments filed after the applicable timeframe, at its discretion. The Panel accepts that the guidelines are likely to be of assistance and that WRC would have reflected them in its comments if they had been issued in time.
- [4] This minute records that the Panel has decided to accept the additional late comment from WRC.
- [5] Any response by the Applicant to the additional comments by WRC should be included in its response to comments due on 12 March 2026



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