

FTAA-2604-1207

Under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA)

In the matter of the Southern Link Inland Port

By Southern Link Property Limited

8 June 2026



Sarah Scott / Kierra Parker
T: +64 3 365 9914
sarah.scott@simpsonagrierson.com
kierra.parker@simpsonagrierson.com
PO Box 874

MAY IT PLEASE THE PANEL CONVENER

1. This memorandum is filed on behalf of Southern Link Property Limited (**SLPL**) in accordance with Minute 4 of the Panel Convener dated 4 June 2026 (**Minute**). Its purpose is to confirm that all reports attached to SLPL's substantive application and subject to a disclaimer, may be relied on by the panel and participants.
2. Minute 4 asks for the applicant to confirm, on behalf of the report authors, that any report attached to the application and subject to a disclaimer may be relied upon by the panel and participants. The (soon to be) appointed Panel will be the applicable authority having jurisdiction for the decision making on the substantive application, this requires the ability of the Panel and participants in the FTAA process to rely on technical reports that form part of the application.
3. The following technical reports attached to SLPL's substantive application contain disclaimers either limiting their liability or third-party reliance:¹
 - (a) Land Assessment (AbacusBio, 2026);
 - (b) Terrestrial Ecological Impact Assessment (e3 Scientific, 2026a);
 - (c) Freshwater Ecological Impact Assessment (e3 Scientific, 2026b);
 - (d) Detailed Site Investigation (EC Otago, 2026);
 - (e) Noise Assessment (Marshall Day Acoustics, 2026); and
 - (f) Assessment of Environmental Effects - Lighting (Pedersen Read, 2026).
4. SLPL has conferred with the authors of these six reports. All authors have confirmed that the Panel and participants may rely on their respective report(s), in the exercise of all relevant statutory functions, for the purpose of determining the application under the FTAA for the Southern Link Inland Port.

1 Savvy Consulting Limited Economic Assessment (Savvy Consulting, 2026) also contains an appropriate confirmation regarding the Panel relying on her report, and the Stantec authors have done the same and are excluded from the direction in Minute 4.

5. For completeness, the authors have viewed the updated text in **Appendix 1** and agree that their reports can be read with the additional paragraph, included.
6. SLPL therefore confirms that the Panel may rely on the listed technical reports in making its decision on the application and discharging all of its duties under the FTAA.

Dated: 8th June 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sarah Scott", is written over a horizontal line.

S J Scott
Counsel for Southern Link Property Limited

Appendix 1

CONSULTANCY REPORTS		DISCLAIMER AND ADDITIONAL CONFIRMATION
AbacusBio Limited	Land Assessment (AbacusBio, 2026).	DISCLAIMER Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the investigations, and the content and information within this document. However AbacusBio Limited expressly disclaims any and all liabilities contingent or otherwise that may arise from the use of the information or recommendations of this report. <u>Despite this disclaimer, the author of this report acknowledges that this report will be relied on by a Panel appointed under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024, and any other invited commenters / participants, and these disclaimers do not prevent that reliance.</u>
E3 Scientific Limited	Terrestrial Ecological Impact Assessment (e3 Scientific, 2026a). Freshwater Ecological Impact Assessment (e3 Scientific, 2026b).	e3Scientific Limited (e3s) performed the services in a manner consistent with the normal level of care and expertise exercised by members of the environmental science profession. No warranties, express or implied, are made. The confidence in the findings is limited by the Scope of Work, and limited data due to site visits at one time of year. A full range of biota that are present at this site may not have been seen or recorded; however, desktop research was utilised to aid the assessment. The results of this assessment are based upon a site inspection conducted by e3s personnel, and information provided in scientific literature. All conclusions and recommendations regarding the site are the professional opinions of e3s personnel involved with the project,

CONSULTANCY REPORTS		DISCLAIMER AND ADDITIONAL CONFIRMATION
		subject to the qualifications made above. While normal assessments of data reliability have been made, e3s assumes no responsibility or liability for errors in any data obtained from regulatory agencies, statements from sources outside e3s, or developments resulting from situations outside the scope of this project. <u>Despite this disclaimer, the author of this report acknowledges that this report will be relied on by a Panel appointed under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, and any other invited commenters / participants, and these disclaimers do not prevent that reliance.</u>
Environmental Consultants Otago Limited	Detailed Site Investigation (EC Otago, 2026).	The information contained in this document is intended solely for the use of the client named for the purpose for which it has been prepared, and no representation is made or is to be implied as being made to any third party. Other than for the exclusive use of the named client, no part of this report may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means. <u>Despite this disclaimer, the author of this report acknowledges that this report will be relied on by a Panel appointed under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, and any other invited commenters / participants, and these disclaimers do not prevent that reliance.</u>

CONSULTANCY REPORTS		DISCLAIMER AND ADDITIONAL CONFIRMATION
Marshall Day Acoustics Limited	Noise Assessment (Marshall Day Acoustics, 2026).	Reports produced by Marshall Day Acoustics Limited are based on a specific scope, conditions and limitations, as agreed between Marshall Day Acoustics and the Client. Information and/or report(s) prepared by Marshall Day Acoustics may not be suitable for uses other than the specific project. No parties other than the Client should use any information and/or report(s) without first conferring with Marshall Day Acoustics. The advice given herein is for acoustic purposes only. Relevant authorities and experts should be consulted with regard to compliance with regulations or requirements governing areas other than acoustics. <u>Despite this disclaimer, the author of this report acknowledges that this report will be relied on by a Panel appointed under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024, and any other invited commenters / participants, and these disclaimers do not prevent that reliance.</u>
Pedersen Read	Assessment of Environmental Effects - Lighting (Pedersen Read, 2026).	This report has been prepared solely for the benefit of Southern Link Property Limited. No liability is accepted by Pederson Read Ltd or by any Principal, Director, Servant or agent of this Company in respect of its use by any other person. Any person who relies upon any matter contained within this report does so entirely at their own risk.

CONSULTANCY REPORTS		DISCLAIMER AND ADDITIONAL CONFIRMATION
		<u>Despite this disclaimer, the author of this report acknowledges that this report will be relied on by a Panel appointed under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, and any other invited commenters / participants, and these disclaimers do not prevent that reliance.</u>