



MINUTE 4 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Invitation to comment on the draft conditions Rangitoopuni [FTAA-2504-1055]

(31 October 2025)

- [1] The purpose of this Minute is to direct the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to invite comments on:
 - (a) Draft conditions of consent from specified parties under section 70 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA); and
 - (b) Draft decision and conditions from specified Ministers under section 72 of the FTAA.
- [2] The draft decision and conditions are included as Attachments 1, 2 and 3.
- [3] Since issuing the initial invitation to comment on the Rangitoopuni application, the Expert Panel has reviewed the application and prepared its draft decision and conditions.
- [4] In doing so, the Panel has considered:
 - (a) The application material, including the Applicant's proposed conditions;
 - (b) Comments received under section 53 of the FTAA;
 - (c) Information provided by the Applicant and Auckland Council in response to Panel requests;
 - (d) Relevant planning instruments, environmental standards, Treaty settlement deeds, and applicable legislation;
 - (e) Any other relevant information, including the provisions of the FTAA.

Comments under Section 70

- [5] Under section 70 of the FTAA, the Panel directs the EPA to invite comments on the draft conditions from:
 - (a) The Applicant;
 - (b) All parties who provided comments under section 53;
 - (c) The relevant local authority or statutory body responsible for enforcing or monitoring compliance with the conditions.
- [6] The draft conditions are included in Attachments 2 and 3. The Panel requests that any suggested amendments are recorded as tracked changes in the Word version of the document.
- [7] All comments provided under Section 70 must be submitted by close of business **Friday, 7 November 2025.**
- [8] Any response by the Applicant to comments received (as provided for under section 70(4)) must be submitted by close of business **Friday**, **14 November 2025**.

Comments under Section 72

- [9] In accordance with section 72 of the FTAA, the Panel seeks comments on the draft decision and conditions from:
 - (a) The Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti; and
 - (b) The Minister for Māori Development.
- [10] All comments provided under Section 72 must be submitted by close of business **Friday, 14 November 2025.**

[11] Earlier responses are encouraged to assist the Panel's final decision-making.

Kitt Littlejohn

Rangitoopuni Expert Panel Chair

Attachment 1 - Rangitoopuni Fast-track Decision (draft)

Attached separately

Attachment 2 – Rangitoopuni Fast-track working conditions RMA (draft) Attached separately

Attachment 3 – Rangitoopuni Fast-track working conditions WILDLIFE (draft)

Attached separately