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## MINUTE 8 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Request for Information – Solar Farm

Ashbourne [FTAA-2507-1087]

(17 December 2025)

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- [1] The Expert Panel requests the following information be provided by the applicant under section 67 of the Fast Track Approvals Act in relation to this application.
- [2] Tim Denne’s Review of the Economic Analyses dated 28 November addresses the Applicant’s suggested benefits of the solar farms (at page 6 onwards). The Panel notes that he is critical of the absence of quantitative justification of the assumed regional benefits of the solar farms.
- [3] The Panel requests that the Applicant provides information to support and quantify the regional benefits of the two solar farms by reference to local and/or New Zealand based analyses/data that will satisfactorily address Mr Denne’s identified concerns.
- [4] The Applicant is requested to file their response to the above by **5pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**. The Panel is mindful of the short timeframe for this information and is therefore open to an extension being requested if required. The information should be submitted via:
- a. by email to [substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz](mailto:substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz);
  - b. by post to Private Bag 63002, Wellington 6140; or  
in person to Stewart Dawson's Corner, 366 Lambton Quay, Wellington 6011.
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**Sue Simons**

Expert Panel Chair