
MINUTE 28 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Resumption of processing and information from the Applicant
Sunfield [FTAA-2503-1039]

(27 February 2026)

Resumption of Processing

- [1] On 23 February 2026, processing of the application was suspended following a request from the Applicant under section 64 of the Act.
- [2] On 26 February 2026, the Applicant filed a request for processing to resume. The Panel confirms that processing of the application resumed from 11:59pm on 26 February 2026.
- [3] Including the most recent suspension, processing of the application has been suspended for a total of 68 working days.
- [4] The Panel's final decision is now due on **10 March 2026**, assuming that the applicant makes no further request to suspend processing of the application.

Applicant's response to Minute 26 and comments on the draft conditions

- [5] On 20 February 2026, the Panel issued Minute 26 requesting further information from the Applicant, and on 26 February 2026 the Applicant provided a response.
- [6] A copy of the Minute and response can be viewed on the fast-track website, here: <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/sunfield/correspondence>
- [7] The Applicant also filed a response to the comments on the draft conditions invited under s70 of the Act. A copy of that response can be viewed here: <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/sunfield/draft-decision-and-conditions>

[8] As outlined in Minute 26, the Panel now invites relevant parties to file legal submissions on the scope question articulated in the Minute by **5pm on Tuesday 3 February 2026**.

[9] Submissions can be filed with the EPA via email to Substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz

Confirmation sought from Auckland Council

[10] In its response to Minute 26, the Applicant has outlined where it and the Council have reached agreement regarding certain conditions.

[11] For completeness, the Panel request that Auckland Council confirm whether its position is accurately reflected in the Applicant's response by **5pm on Monday 2 February 2026**.

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Philip Maw
Expert Panel Chair