

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

MINUTE #11 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Suspension of Application Extended under Section 64 FTAA
Haldon Solar [FTAA-2508-1097]

8 April 2026

Request to extend the suspension period for the application

[1] On 7 April the Expert Panel (the Panel) received a further request from Lodestone Energy (the Applicant) to extend the suspended period by four working days through to Friday 10 April.

[2] This follows the initial request for suspension on 24 February 2026 ([Minute-5](#)), and a request on 31 March 2026 to extend the suspension ([Minute-9](#)) which were both granted by the Panel.

[3] Processing of the application was to resume on 7 April 2026; however the Applicant has encountered delays which have impacted the completion of the ecological framework which underpins several aspects of its response to the further information requested in [RFI #2](#).

[4] Pursuant to section 64(3), the Panel may, at its discretion, suspend the processing of the Application. Whilst the discretion is broadly framed, the Panel must nevertheless exercise its discretion in a principled way, including by reference to the purpose of the FTAA.

[5] Having reviewed the reason for the extending the suspension, the Panel considers that granting the suspension sought is consistent with the purpose of the FTAA. The four additional days to complete the further information request is necessary for the Panel's

assessment of the application.

[6] In accordance with section 64 of the FTAA, the Panel grants the request to suspend processing of the substantive application by four more days effective from 7 April 2026. The Panel authorises the EPA to give notice of this decision to the Applicant, and all persons or groups invited to provide comment under section 53 of the FTAA.

[7] The Applicant confirms that it is comfortable for the Panel to continue reviewing the application material during the pause period and to issue any procedural directions it considers appropriate.

[8] Unless advised otherwise, processing will resume on Monday 13 April 2026. The Panel expects the information requested under RFI #2 to be submitted by 5 pm on 10 April 2026.

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Hon Raynor Asher KC
Haldon Solar Expert Panel Chair