
MINUTE 6 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Appointment of technical advisor
Foxton Solar Farm [FTAA-2510-1121]
[9 June 2026]

[1] This minute outlines the appointment of an advisor to support the Foxton expert panel (Panel).

[2] As outlined in clause 10 of Schedule 3 of the Act, the Expert Panel (Panel) may appoint technical advisors to assist with a substantive application in relation to any matters the Panel may determine.

[3] In order to ensure that its timely consideration of the application is carried out in an efficient manner, the Panel has determined that it is necessary to use these powers to appoint Darran Humpheson, Acoustic Engineer, Tonkin and Taylor Ltd as a technical advisor to the Panel. Mr Humpheson has been asked to:

- Provide a peer review of the Applicant's acoustics assessment (dated 13 February 2026) by SRL and the Applicant's suggested conditions. This review is to include:
 - whether Mr Humpheson agrees or disagrees with the SLR noise assessment (with reasons).
 - Whether the predicted noise effects on neighbouring properties require mitigation. If 'yes' then explain why and advise what sort of mitigation would be considered appropriate.

- Provide any acoustic advice to the Panel as may be necessary after comments have been received including the Applicant's response to comments.

[4] The Panel wishes to ensure that the Applicant's noise assessment and any potential conditions are technically correct and appropriately mitigate any potential adverse impacts on neighbouring properties. Based on the Applicant's consultation record (Application Appendix D), the Panel anticipates that neighbours invited to make comments under s53 FTAA may raise noise concerns. Given the limited time available for the Panel to make its Decision, the Panel would like Mr Humpheson to be available to provide acoustic advice if needed.

[5] Any report(s) arising from this appointment will be published on the Fast Track website, and the applicant will be provided with an opportunity to respond or file material in reply.



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