
MINUTE 9 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Site Visit and Hearing Amendment

Mt Iron Junction Housing Development Expert Panel

[FTAA-2602-1173]

19 August 2026

[1] The Panel has been advised by the Applicant that one of its key transportation witnesses, Mr Andy Carr, is unavailable until 1.00 pm on 26 August 2026 for health reasons. The Panel has also received a request from NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) for some of its witnesses to appear online, given that they are based in Dunedin.

[2] The Panel is keen to hear from Mr Carr and the relevant NZTA witnesses on the matters outlined in Minute 8 dated 18 August 2026.

[3] As a result, the Panel has agreed to the Applicant's request for the hearing to commence at 1.00 pm on 26 August 2026. The Panel has also agreed to allow the relevant NZTA witnesses to appear online. However, the Panel encourages as many witnesses as possible to appear in person.

[4] In reaching this decision, the Panel does not consider that any party will be prejudiced, given that the Panel signalled in Minute 7 dated 22 July 2026 that the full day had been set aside for a potential hearing.

[5] The Panel is of the view, given the nature of focused areas in contention that this limited hearing could be covered within an afternoon.

[6] The Panel will use the morning of 26 August 2026 to undertake its site visit.

[7] The application may be accessed on the Fast-track website here:
<https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/mt-iron-junction-housing-scheme>

[8] The Fast-track website will be updated as information is made available to the Panel.



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