

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

MINUTE #9 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

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

1 April 2026

Request to extend the suspension period for the application

[1] On 24 February 2026 the Expert Panel (the Panel) granted a suspension to the processing of the Haldon Solar application as requested by the Lodestone Energy (the Applicant). Details are provided in [Minute-5](#). Processing was to resume on 1 April 2026.

[2] On 31 March 2026 the Applicant requested by email to extend the suspension period by 2 working days in order to fully respond to the ecological framework that is being complied to meet the further information requested in [RFI #2](#)

[3] 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.

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

[5] In accordance with section 64 of the FTAA, the Panel grants the request to suspend processing of the substantive application by two more days effective from 1 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.

[6] 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.

[7] Unless advised otherwise, processing will resume on Tuesday 7 April 2026. The Panel expects the information requested under RFI #2 to be submitted by 5 pm on 7 April 2026.

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Hon Raynor Asher KC
Haldon Solar Expert Panel Chair