
TO: Jane Borthwick, Fast Track Approvals Act Panel Convener

FROM: Alan Worthington, Resource Consents Manager

DATE: 29 May 2026

SUBJECT: **ADDENDUM TO EARLIER RESPONSE TO MINUTE 2 OF THE PANEL CONVENER
CONVENER'S CONFERENCE – SOUTHERN LINK INLAND PORT
[FTAA-2604-1207]**

Further to the council's previous memorandum dated 22 May 2026, yesterday the council received a review from its acoustic consultant, Mr Daniel Winter of Styles Group.

While the council has not yet fully reviewed Mr Winter's advice, it considers that there are implications for the matters raised in Schedule 2 of Minute 2, in terms of:

- the number and range of approvals sought; and
- the issues that have arisen during pre-lodgement and post-lodgement consultation and engagement.

The issues raised by Mr Winter include:

- Additional rule breaches, whereby some proposed noise limits are at least 5 dB higher than noise standards for permitted activities (which has a non-complying activity status)
- The consent conditions proposed by the applicant will allow noise levels and effects that are potentially significantly greater than the noise levels that are permitted by the 2GP standards, and will remove any requirement to comply with night time L_{AFmax} noise limits
- The inclusion of the date-stamp in proposed condition 68 deviates from the way the 2GP applies noise limits at all notional boundaries, and effectively exempts the activity from meeting any noise limits at future notional boundaries (the proposed noise limits will only protect existing houses)
- The operation noise modelling does not include the input data for all noise sources, notably sound power levels; and
- Rail network activities within the SLIP land that is outside the KiwiRail designation have not been assessed. There are potential impacts on existing Rural Residential receivers to south and potential future Rural receivers to the north.

The applicant was provided with Mr Winters's review as soon as it was received, and it is anticipated that there will be further discussions with them to work through the matters raised.

Yours faithfully



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