
MINUTE 14 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Expert Conferencing on Conditions (2)

Mt Welcome, Pukerua Bay, Porirua Project

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(24 August 2026)

[1] The Expert Panel has reviewed the draft management plans tabled by the applicant with a view to better understanding the inter-relationship between them and the applicant's proposed conditions. The Panel's analysis is attached.

[2] The Panel requests that when Messrs McDonnell, Banks and Smeaton confer on conditions as foreshadowed in Minute 13, they consider the issues the Panel has identified, as attached. As previously, this needs to be considered as a technical issue, identifying how the draft management plans are appropriately integrated with conditions

[3] The Department of Conservation has requested that its planner might attend conditions conferencing. The Panel has determined that this is not necessary. We emphasise (again) that this is a technical exercise, taking as read the applicant's proposed development roll-out.

[4] The position would be different if we were requesting that the planners representing different parties address the substance of what conditions are seeking to achieve. Then, of course, the planner representing the Department of Conservation would have an important role to play.

[5] The position is also different as regards the approvals the applicant is seeking in respect of complex freshwater fisheries activities and under the Wildlife Act,

where the Department has a role equivalent to that of the councils in respect of the RMA approvals the applicant seeks. Minute 15, being issued in parallel, addresses the conditions related to those approvals.

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Trevor Robinson
Expert Panel Chair