
MINUTE 10 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Draft Decision and Draft Conditions
Hunua Quarry [FTAA-2603-1185]
22 September 2026

[1] The purpose of this Minute is to inform parties of the draft decision and draft conditions and to direct the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to invite:

- (a) Comments on the draft conditions of consent from specified parties under section 70 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA); and
- (b) Comments on the draft decision and draft conditions from specified Ministers under section 72 of the FTAA.

[2] The draft decision and conditions are included as Appendices and will be posted on the fast-track website and can be viewed here: <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/hunua-quarry-development/draft-decision-and-conditions>.

Section 70 of the Act

[3] Section 70 of the Act requires the Panel to direct the EPA to provide a copy of the draft conditions to the Applicant, everyone who provided comments under s 53 and all relevant local authorities or statutory bodies. We direct accordingly.

[4] We must also specify the date by which comments on the draft conditions must be received by the EPA. We fix **29 September 2026** as the date by which comments on the draft conditions must be received by the EPA. To be clear, as set out in paragraph [80] of our Draft Decision, this includes the Applicant's

response to the draft conditions. In doing so we would like the Applicant to especially check the references in Appendix B, Condition 1(c) and (d) and Schedule A to Appendix B to ensure that all the references and named plans are correct and easy to understand and provide us with an updated version. The Applicant's check in relation to Schedule A needs to include:

- (a) Several figures in Schedule A within their title boxes state a different figure reference (assume from the prior reference document);
- (b) 'Offset & Compensation Sites' reference in the front-end table is to Figure 1 in Schedule A, but should be Figure 3;
- (c) 'Quarry Development Area' reference in the front-end table is to Figure 2 in Schedule A, but should be Figure 4;
- (d) 'Stockyard and Processing Area' reference in the front-end table is to Figure 4 in Schedule A, but should be Figure 5; and
- (e) 'FCIL landholdings' reference in the front-end table is to Figure 2 in Schedule A, but should be Figure 1.

[5] As set out in paragraph [81] of our draft decision, to assist commentators engaged with the process above, it is **solely** a response to the draft conditions. The provision of preferred drafting where practicable, ideally provided in tabulated form with brief reasons, will most relevantly assist the Panel. No substantive comments are sought (or can be made) on the draft decision apart from the Ministers (see below), but grammar/drafting errors, technical interpretation errors or legal errors may be noted (and if so, again ideally provided to us in tabulated form).

[6] As detailed in clause 4 of s 70, the Applicant must file any response to the comments received within 5 working days of comments close (29 September 2026). The applicant's response to the comments received under s 70 is therefore due by **6 October 2026**.

Section 72 of the Act

[7] Under this section, the Panel must direct the EPA to invite comments from the Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti and the Minister for Māori Development on the draft decision, including any draft conditions. We direct accordingly.

[8] We allow the Ministers 10 working days to comment on the draft decision, including as to the assessments made by the panel in relation to relevant Treaty settlements and any draft conditions related to that assessment. Comments from the Ministers are therefore due on **6 October 2026**.

[9] The Applicant may respond to any comments from the Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti and the Minister for Māori Development within two working days of receipt (**8 October 2026**).



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