

---

## MINUTE OF THE PANEL CONVENER

Request for Section 51 report for Ryans Road Industrial Development [FTAA-2502-1054]  
Wildlife Approval under the Wildlife Act 1953  
(4 June 2025)

---

[1] This Minute directs the EPA to obtain advice and a report from the Director-General of Conservation pursuant to section 51 of the Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024 ("the Act").

[2] I have read the following documents:

- (a) Assessment of Effects on the Environment (AEE)
- (b) Appendix 7 - Lizard Habitat Assessment and Lizard Management Plan – PDP
- (c) Appendix 18 – Proposed consent conditions – Novo Group

[3] The applicant, Carter Group Limited seeks a Wildlife Approval (s 42(4)(h) of the Act) for disturbing native lizard habitat and for the capture and relocation of any native lizards.

[4] Pursuant to section 51(1) of the Act, the Director-General of Conservation is to file a report advising how the weighting of matters set out in Schedule 7, clause 3 of the Act should be approached, having regard to relevant senior court decisions.

[5] Pursuant to section 51(2)(c) of the Act, if the Director-General of Conservation does not agree with, or wishes to amplify, the expert and planning assessment lodged in support of the wildlife approval, it must file a report in accordance with Schedule 7, clause 3.

[6] For the avoidance of doubt, the Director-General of Conservation:

- (a) may confirm and append advice previously given in response to a panel convener's directions under s 51(1) on another project; and
- (b) does not need to provide an assessment of the approval pursuant to s 51(2)(c) if it concurs with the expert and planning assessments filed by the applicant.

[7] The Director-General of Conservation is to respond to the draft conditions, including any management plan attached to the application, recommending track-changed amendments (if any).

[8] Any advice or report received will be provided by the EPA to the persons listed in section 51(5).

Finally, it would assist the panel convener if the Director-General of Conservation is able to indicate their views on the application at the convener's conference, tentatively scheduled for **24 June 2025**.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane'.

Jane Borthwick

Panel convener for the purpose of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024