
MINUTE 4 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Request for Information – Various topics
Arataki [FTAA-2506-1083]
(28 November 2025)

[1] After reviewing the Applicant's response to the comments received on the application, the Expert Panel requests the Applicant, Hastings District Council (**HDC**), and Hawkes Bay Regional Council (**HBRC**) to provide the information specified below, pursuant to section 67 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (**FTAA**).

Stormwater & sediment issues

[2] There remains a lack of clarity regarding the design of the dry stormwater basin, and whether it will be lined. The Expert Panel understands that it will not be lined but seeks confirmation from the Applicant that this is correct, and, if so, from HDC and HBRC that they remain satisfied with an unlined design.

[3] HBRC has commented in relation to the use of flocculants during construction of the stormwater management pond/attenuation basin and the sediment retention ponds, noting that no resource consent has been sought to discharge flocculants, for example in situations where flocculants were discharged to the stormwater management pond to manage sediment-laden water and a rainfall event were to result in flocculants being discharged from the pond to the environment.

[4] The Applicant's response appears to have misunderstood the HBRC's comment, noting simply that the use of flocculants will be limited to the construction period and therefore will not trigger any consent requirement.

[5] The Applicant is asked to confirm whether flocculants will be used in the manner identified by HBRC, and whether it will be seeking consent to discharge prior to commencement of works onsite.

Traffic calming

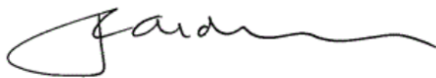
[6] HDC is requested to confirm that it does not anticipate traffic calming platforms being required along Arataki Road.

Conditions

[7] HDC and HBRC are requested to confirm that changes made by the Applicant to the condition Suite (Version 2, dated 20 November 2025) are acceptable and address any earlier concerns they have identified.

[8] The Expert Panel is particularly keen to understand whether HDC is satisfied with the detailed condition changes made to address the amended RDF proposal that involve bespoke standards or provisions to be applied by way of consent notices as alternatives to the equivalent District Plan standards in the General Residential and Medium Density Residential zones.

[9] The further information requested by the Expert Panel is required to be provided to the EPA by 4pm Wednesday 3 December 2025.



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