
MINUTE 2 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Recording of the project overview conference and site visit

Southern Link Inland Port FTAA-2604-1207
13 July 2026

[1] The purpose of this Minute is to formally record an overview of the project overview conference that occurred on 8 July 2026 with the Applicant and other participants.

Project Overview Conference

[2] The briefing took place at the Applicant's offices in Port Chalmers from 8:15am to 10.30am, 8 July 2026.

[3] The applicant filed legal submissions and a power point presentation ahead of the conference. Copies are available on the Fast-track website here:

<https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/southern-link-inland-port/conferences,-workshops-and-hearings>

[4] The following persons from the Applicant's project team were present:

- (a) Joanne Dowd (SLPL)
- (b) Kevin Kearney (SLPL)
- (c) Grant Driver (SLPL)
- (d) Sarah Scott (Simpson Grierson)
- (e) John Kyle (Mitchell Daysh)
- (f) Megan Hankey (Mitchell Daysh)
- (g) Chris Rossiter (Stantec)

- (h) Brendon Shanks (Marshall Day)
- (i) Nick Keenan (Stantec)

[5] The following persons were also present:

- (a) Hannah Goslin (Otago Regional Council) - online
- (b) John Sule – (Dunedin City Council)- in person
- (c) Nicole Buxeda – (Legal Counsel for Te Rūnaka o Ōtākou)- online
- (d) Dr Gail Tipa (Te Rūnaka o Ōtākou) - online

[6] The presentation given to the Panel and a recording of the briefing are available on the Fast-track website here:

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Site visit

[7] The Panel conducted a site visit from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm on 8 July 2026, accompanied by Awesta Seddiqi (EPA).

[8] During the visits to the locations in paragraph [9](a)-(d) below we were also accompanied by the following representatives of the Applicant:

- (a) Andy Pullar – Civil Engineer
- (b) Stephen Smith – Terminal Supervisor
- (c) Ben Shalyer – Depot Manager
- (d) Vaughan Greer - Depot Supervisor

[9] The following locations were visited:

- (a) Port Chalmers container storage area.
- (b) Ravensbourne Depot

- (c) Parry Street Depot
- (d) Strathallen Street Depot
- (e) Taieri Plains look out, however due to wet weather conditions visibility was poor.
- (f) Dukes Road North.
- (g) Steadman Road, Rail adjacent to site, Fonterra siding, local industrial activities.
- (h) Silverstream/Whakaehu Stream margins under rail bridge (off Steadman Road) adjacent to site. Silverstream was in flood. We also viewed Silverstream from a rest area off Puddle Alley.
- (i) Roading network surrounding the site, including Puddle Alley.
- (j) Viewed site from north end of Puddle Alley (elevated views).
- (k) Site, viewed from driveway near yards.
- (l) Nearby rural/residential areas.
- (m) Taieri Aerodrome and Helicopters Otago.
- (n) Mosgiel town centre.

[10] The Panel would like to take this opportunity to thank the participants for their attendance at the conference which it found extremely useful.



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Expert Panel Chair