
MINUTE 5 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Appointment of technical and special advisors
188 Beaumont Street FTAA-2604-1205
12 August 2026

[1] This minute outlines the appointment of two expert advisors and a special advisor to support the Panel.

[2] As outlined in clause 10, Schedule 3 of the Act, the Panel may appoint technical advisors to assist with a substantive application in relation to any matters the Panel may determine.

[3] In order to ensure that its timely consideration of the application is carried out in an efficient manner, the Panel has determined that it is necessary to use these powers to appoint the following advisors:

- (a) Tim Denne, Economist;
- (b) Rebecca Skidmore, Urban Designer/Landscape Architect.

[4] Mr Denne and Ms Skidmore have been asked to:

- (a) Undertake a review of the assessments undertaken by the Applicant and Auckland Council in respect of economic benefits and urban design/landscape & visual effects respectively;
- (b) Give their views on the methodology used and conclusions reached in those assessments and in particular the significance of the matters assessed;
- (c) Answer any questions the Panel has regarding those views;

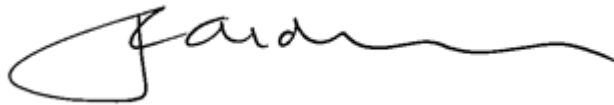
- (d) Identify any information gaps that might form the basis of further information requests from the Panel to the Applicant or Auckland Council;
- (e) Participate in expert conferencing if requested by the Panel.

[5] The reports prepared by Mr Denne and Ms Skidmore as a result of these appointments will be published on the Fast Track website and the Applicant will be provided with an opportunity to respond or file material in reply.

[6] Mr Denne and Ms Skidmore have been asked to complete their assessments by Friday 21 August 2026.

[7] The Panel has also determined to appoint the following special advisor to provide Decision Writing support:

- (a) Lisa Bazalo, lawyer employed by Buddle Findlay

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Jennifer Caldwell
Expert Panel Chair