

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

MINUTE 1 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
(Orientation of Panel to Project Methods)
Barrytown Minerals Project [FTAA-2605-1238]

19 August 2026

[1] The Panel has commenced work on the substantive application and given notice of that fact under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) pursuant to section 52A(2).

[2] The Panel held its first meeting on 18 August 2026 for orientation and to discuss its obligations under section 53.

[3] During that meeting, the Panel determined that it would be helpful for the Applicant, Taiko Critical Minerals Limited, to provide a panel briefing explaining the project stage under our consideration, on mining methodology and sequence on the site, and practical measures for implementing control or mitigation measures on affected water bodies and reinstatement. In that regard, graphical or video material showing how the mining system is intended to operate will be particularly useful. This is the focus of the briefing. Other documents we have, such as the legal considerations memorandum and the May 2026 Substantive Application, set out the project's dimensions, the nature of the consents and approvals sought, and the Applicants' assessment of the applicable provisions and considerations.

[4] The Panel determined that the relevant administering agencies and local authorities can attend the briefing. However, the briefing is not intended to set up a dialogue or a time for the statutory participants to address any matters or

uncertainties. Our preference is that if the briefing raises questions, then the statutory participants should dialogue with the Applicant later.

[5] Given the site's remoteness, we will hold the briefing virtually. It will be recorded and may be published later to assist other parties, including non-statutory participants. If the Applicant has any concerns regarding this, please raise them with us through the approved channels.

[6] For the avoidance of doubt, the briefing is designed to supplement, not replace, a site visit. The Panel is considering the timing of any such site visit, which will be confirmed in a future minute.

[7] The fast-track team supporting the Panel will arrange the logistics to implement this Minute.



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Barrytown Minerals Project Expert Panel Chair