
MINUTE OF THE PANEL CONVENER
Commencement date for panel appointments
Maitahi [FTAA-2502-1009]

(29 April 2025)

[1] The purpose of this Minute is to confirm the commencement date for the panel.

[2] Participants will be aware that the Fast-track Approvals Act process is not a Resource Management Act (RMA) process. The practice and procedures that apply are different. This means processes such as the ability for a local authority prior to request information under s 92 of the RMA prior to a hearing, do not apply.

[3] During yesterday's conference, I was advised that Nelson City Council made a detailed request for information 10 days ago. The City Council indicated that the request was not substantive, but rather sought clarification, although the information may impact proposed conditions, including engineering specifications. The applicant is in the process of responding and estimates a reply will be available in two weeks' time.

[4] Engagement between Fast-track participants to clarify information and to narrow or resolve any issues in dispute is anticipated and encouraged. Different views on draft conditions are expected. However, I do not have a sense of the potential impact of the information request on the proposal or, consequently, on the time frame for the decision.

[5] Note: I do not have the power to extend the time frame for release of a

decision once it is set under section 79.

[6] I had anticipated setting up the panel next week. I ask the applicant to take instructions and advise by Friday 2 May 2025 whether the commencement date for appointment should be deferred pending their response.

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

Jane Borthwick

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