

# Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

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## MINUTE 9 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Appointment of technical advisers  
Maitahi Village [FTAA-2502-1009]

7 July 2025

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### Appointment of Special and Technical Advisers

[1] As outlined in clause 10 of Schedule 3 of the Act, the Panel may appoint special advisers to assist it with a substantive application in relation to any matters the Panel may determine, as well as technical advisers, as it thinks appropriate.

[2] 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 in this case.

[3] First, the Panel records the appointment of a special adviser, namely, Ms Victoria Heine KC to provide legal services and advice as Counsel assisting the Panel.

[4] Second, the Panel have appointed technical advisers from Pattle Delamore Partners (PDP) to assist it with issues arising from certain technical reports submitted by the applicant, namely, contaminated land, water, and ecology issues and the remediation thereof.

[5] The PDP experts will in particular assist the Panel in considering matters

relating to the Hazardous Activities and Industries List (HAIL) site present on the project land. The application documents that are relevant to these matters include:

- (i) 3.2 Ecological Recommendations for Contamination Management;
- (ii) 8.1 Remediation Action Plan;
- (iii) 8.2 Site Contamination Specialist Review of Remediation Action Plan; and
- (iv) 8.3 Response to Review of RAP – Envirolink.

[6] The application documents can be viewed on the fast-track website here:  
[Substantive application | Fast-track website](#)

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Hon Lyn Stevens CNZM KC  
**Maitahi Village Expert Panel Chair**