

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

MINUTE 1 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Update on procedural steps and timing
Drury Quarry Expansion - Sutton Block [FTAA-2503-1037]

22 August 2025

[1] The purpose of this minute is to confirm several procedural steps for the Drury Quarry Expansion – Sutton Block Project (**Project**) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (**FTAA**), and to provide an update regarding expected timing.

[2] The Expert Panel (**Panel**) has undertaken a site visit of the existing Drury Quarry site, the Sutton Block, and the surrounding environment, on 14 August 2025.

[3] The Panel attended a briefing with Stevenson Aggregates Limited (**Applicant**) and Auckland Council on 19 August 2025.

[4] The Applicant spoke to a PowerPoint presentation at that briefing, a copy of which will be available on the Fast-track website from Monday 25 August 2025, here: <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/drury-quarry-expansion-sutton-block/conferences,-workshops-and-hearings>

[5] In terms of next steps:

- (a) The Panel expects to issue invitations to comment (section 53 FTAA) on or before Wednesday 27 August 2025.
- (b) The Panel anticipates reports from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere

Taonga (and the Māori Heritage Council); and the Director-General of Conservation (section 51 FTAA) on or before Wednesday 10 September 2025, subject to the date that comments are invited.

- (c) Responses to the invitations to comment would be due by Wednesday 24 September 2025.
- (d) The Applicant's response to comments would be due by Wednesday 1 October 2025.
- (e) While there would be further steps following, depending on whether our decision was to grant or not, the Panel's decision is ultimately due by 27 November 2025.

[6] As noted in the Panel Convener's Minute dated 29 July 2025, the Applicant has been in discussions with various entities, including Auckland Council and the Department of Conservation. We were advised at the Applicant's briefing that, as a result of those discussions, further information regarding the Project has been provided. Amendments have also been made, or are proposed to be made, to various application documents.

[7] For example, we understand that there are likely to be amended proposed draft conditions and amendments to the Ecological Management Plan (relating to lizards). The further information provided includes additional landscape and visual effects assessment (relating to views from Sonja Drive and public open spaces), and material pertaining to groundwater effects, transport / traffic matters, and culvert design.

[8] The Panel also understands that the Applicant may wish to formally confirm that the application no longer includes off-site planting on Ngā Motu o Hingaia Island.

[9] The Applicant advised at the briefing that it proposes to lodge a memorandum attaching the relevant amended (or new) documents and further information on or around Tuesday 26 August 2025, so that these are available to persons invited to comment.

[10] The memorandum and further information will be uploaded to the Fast-track website here: <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/drury-quarry-expansion-sutton-block/substantive-application>



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