

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

MINUTE 5 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Invitation to comment

State Highway 1 North Canterbury – Woodend Bypass Project (Belfast to Pegasus) Substantive Application [FTAA-2512-1157]

28 April 2026

[1] On 1 April 2026 the Panel issued Minute 2 addressing invitations to comment on the Substantive Application for the State Highway 1 North Canterbury – Woodend Bypass (Belfast to Pegasus) under section 53 of the Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024 (**the Act**).

[2] It has been brought to our attention that due to an administrative error by the EPA, the Minister for the Environment was not sent an invitation letter until 23 April 2026.

[3] We are hopeful that any comments that the Minister might wish to make can be provided to the EPA by 4 May 2026. However, we understand that in accordance with section 53 of the Act any such comments may be provided to the EPA up until 21 May 2026.

[4] Comments must be made to the EPA:

- a. by email to substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz;
- b. by post to Private Bag 63002, Wellington 6140, New Zealand; or
- c. in person to Stewart Dawson's Corner, 366 Lambton Quay, Wellington 6011.

[5] The Application may be accessed on the Fast-Track website here:

<https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/state-highway-1-north-canterbury-woodend-bypass-project-belfast-to-pegasus>

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