
MINUTE 12 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Bream Bay Sand Extraction Project Expert Panel [FTAA-2511-1150]
11 June 2026
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[1] The Panel wishes to organise hui so that it can hear in person from various specific entities that have responded to the invitations to comment, kānohi ki te kānohi, in accordance with tikanga. The Panel has also heard the requests for hui made in the documents put before the Panel over the course of recent weeks.

[2] The hui would be an opportunity for the Panel to hear from these specific entities, however they would not be a formal hearing in terms of the FTAA.

[3] The Panel is still in the process of reviewing the invited comments that have been lodged with the EPA, and has not yet received the applicant's response to those comments. The Panel is therefore not currently able to determine whether a hearing is required in terms of section 56 of the FTAA, nor whether any expert conferencing would be of assistance (for example, and if so, on what topic(s)).

[4] The purpose of the hui would principally include:

- (a) Enabling the entities to familiarise the Panel with the key matters raised in their invited comments.
- (b) Providing a space for the Panel, if necessary in response, to seek further information on those key matters.

- (c) To improve the Panel's understanding of the matters relevant to its decision-making.

[5] The entities to which this Minute relates are the following persons who have responded to the invitation to comment (listed in order of receipt):

- (a) Takahiwai Māori Committee
- (b) Te Rerenga Parāoa Rohe Moana Kaitiaki
- (c) Te Iwitahi Manihera whanau
- (d) Kōwhai Te Awhina Hapū o Te Parawhau Hapū Incorporation
- (e) Te Ohu Kaimoana
- (f) Te Pouwhenua o Tiakiriri Kūkupa Trust Board (Te Parawhau ki Tai)
- (g) Hapū o Te Waiariki, Ngāti Korora, Ngāti Takapari (MAC-01-01-013/CIV-2017-404-566)
- (h) Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board & Ngātiwai Trust Board
- (i) Te Parawhau ki Tai (MAC-01-01-137)
- (j) Te Runanga o Ngati Hine

[6] The Panel at this early stage of arrangements notes that:

- (a) Preferably, hui would be held on marae, or a venue close to Te Ākau Bream Bay.
- (b) Hui would be open only to invited participants.
- (c) Joint presentations would be welcome, equally the Panel understands that there may be a need for separate hui. Further information is sought in this regard, see below.
- (d) No further written material is considered necessary beyond the invited comments already lodged with the EPA. Summaries of the material provided in the invited comment, or submissions on any matters raised (for example, legal or planning submissions), would be welcome.

- (e) Presentations may be provided in Te Reo Māori (orally and / or in writing). If possible, a brief English summary to assist the Panel would be appreciated but is not required. The Panel requests notice if interpreter support is needed so that arrangements can be made, see below.
- (f) There would be a recording made of hui, published on the fast-track website. Any documents provided to the Panel, including for example written summaries or submissions, would also be uploaded to the fast-track website.

[7] The suspension of the application has meant that the Panel is not currently able to make formal requests for further information to be responded to during the suspension, and neither does it yet have the benefit of responses to Minute 8. However, the Panel is keen to ‘keep things moving’ in relation to preparing for hui so that the arrangements can hopefully adopt, as far as possible, the tikanga that is of importance to each entity.

[8] The Panel therefore requests, and on resumption of processing will formally request if needed, the following advice from the entities listed in paragraph [5]:

- (a) Whether the entity seeks the opportunity to present their invited comments to the Panel kānohi ki te kānohi at a hui. If an in-person hui is not considered necessary or possible, please advise whether an online presentation (for example, via Teams) is sought instead.
- (b) What tikanga the entity would like the Panel to consider and / or take into account. For example:
 - (i) Whether there is a particular location / rohe or venue the entity would prefer to use. If there is a preferred venue, please advise what facilities it has and availability.
 - (ii) Whether there are any particular steps the entity would like to see taken, for example pōwhiri or visits to sites of significance. Please advise any specific tikanga the entity would like to be

applied to those steps.

- (c) A list of proposed attendees, and the estimated time needed / requested (allowing time for Panel questions).
- (d) Whether interpreters are, or are likely to be, needed for Panel members that are not conversant in Te Reo Māori.
- (e) Whether a joint presentation is proposed to be made with any other entity in paragraph [5], or whether there is a need for separate hui.
- (f) Whether there are any matters likely to be raised, in proposed hui or site visits, that should be restricted, for example relating to wāhi tapu, noting that proceedings would otherwise need to be published.

[9] Responses to the above matters should be provided by email to substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz. A further minute confirming details for any hui (and related arrangements) will be issued at a later date, after the Panel has received and considered any responses.



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