
MINUTE 1 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Overview conference
Auckland Prison Capacity Increase Expert Panel
FTAA-2603-1179
17 June 2026

[1] The purpose of this Minute is to confirm the time and the details for an in person briefing from the applicant.

[2] The briefing will be held on 25 June 2026 9:30am, at Auckland Prison.

[3] In addition to the applicant, Auckland Council is invited to send up to a maximum of two officers to the briefing. If the Council wishes accept that invitation, it is to liaise with Keely Paler, who can be contacted at: info@fasttrack.govt.nz, to make the appropriate arrangements.

[4] The purpose of the conference is to familiarise the Expert Panel with:

- (a) An overview of the project, and the content of the application for approvals;
- (b) the key points of evidence (technical reports, assessments and other information) provided in support of the application;
- (c) key relevant legal tests and legal issues in contention (insofar as they are known to the applicant);
- (d) the content and structure of proposed conditions, including management plans (if relevant); and
- (e) any other relevant matters the applicant wishes to bring to the Panel's attention.

[5] During the briefing:

- (a) the Applicant will present a high-level overview of the application;
- (b) the Expert Panel will have the opportunity to ask questions about the application, noting that Panel members plan to have familiarised themselves with the documents by the time of the briefing; and
- (c) participants may raise any matters they wish to bring to the Panel's attention.

[6] The participants should note that, while the Expert Panel will be reasonably familiar with the application documents, they will not have had an opportunity to consider matters in detail. There will be further opportunities in this process for that to occur.

[7] To facilitate the application overview, the Applicant may wish to provide a short PowerPoint presentation, and to speak to it during the briefing.

[8] In the interests of transparency, and to provide potential commenters with the same information as that provided to the panel, the briefing will be recorded and made available on the Fast-track website following the conference.

[9] Further details for the briefing session can be provided by Keely Paler, who can be contacted at: info@fasttrack.govt.nz

[10] Following the overview conference, the Panel will undertake a visit to the project site, and other operating prison sites, accompanied (in part) by the applicant and EPA staff.



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