
MINUTE 6 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Actions following receipt of the Applicant's response to comments
Hunua Quarry Development [FTAA-2603 -1185]
24 August 2026

[1] The purpose of this Minute is to provide the Applicant, authorised agencies and commenters an update on process following receipt of the Applicant's response to comments.

[2] The Panel greatly appreciates the approach adopted, and the information provided, by all involved to date.

[3] Today we had a short workshop with the Applicant to address administrative matters and to discuss a process for further testing some key ecological matters. The recording of that workshop will be available on the Fast-track website shortly.

[4] The key outcomes from the workshop are:

- (a) Dr Boothroyd is to provide an updated memorandum to include the results of the latest eDNA results.
- (b) In relation to ecology there are some matters still being discussed and several remaining disparate issues. The Panel would be assisted by further, focused, input from the Applicant, Department of Conservation and Auckland Council on these matters. In terms of process:
 - (i) The Panel will provide the Applicant, Department of Conservation and Auckland Council with a table of key ecological issues to be further discussed. The Panel will provide this table, via the EPA, by **5pm 26 August 2026**.

- (ii) The Panel would appreciate each party completing the table (including adding any key matters still in issue if considered valuable) and then, via the Applicant, providing the completed table to the EPA by **4pm 1 September 2026**. The responses within the table need to be brief (the Panel already has considerable information) and can refer out to references if needed. The intent is to provide the Panel with a short, simple, comparator of the core positions of each party.
- (iii) The Panel intends to then hold an ecology workshop session (managed by Dr Neale with Mr Allen in attendance) on **Thursday 3 September 2026** (ideally starting at 10am) with, in attendance:
 - (1) The relevant ecology experts to discuss the matters in the table as a group (in an 'empanelment' process) with questions from Dr Neale as each matter is stepped through;
 - (2) The relevant planners (to assist with any condition drafting); and
 - (3) Legal advisors / project managers as they wish.

[5] Ms Burns will liaise with the contacts for the Applicant, Department of Conservation and Auckland Council to arrange time / teams meeting invites, etc for this ecology workshop session.

[6] Additional matters that were discussed and for the Applicant to respond to were:

- (a) A list of the management plans it is seeking the Panel approve;
- (b) An update on the outcome of discussions with the Department of Conservation on the Wildlife approval conditions in its response to comments;
- (c) A new version of Appendix 12 to its response to comments showing

its changes in track / a different colour;

- (d) A brief response from its landscape expert in relation to:
- (i) the perceptibility of a 15m reduction in the ridgeline visible from Pukekōiwiriki Pā and whether the ridge will, from a landscape perspective, retain its previous 'prominence' (and if not the effect of that change); and
 - (ii) whether, for areas where there will be years between reworking, temporary planting of some form is practicable to 'soften' the local visual effects. If it is practicable would it make a meaningful effects reduction for neighbouring dwellings (the comment arose especially in relation to 802 Ponga Road but applies more generally).

[7] Finally, there may be a need to have a workshop on the conditions sometime in the week of 14 September 2026. If that is required, the Panel will provide advance notice.



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