
MINUTE 5 OF THE PANEL CONVENER
Wairakei South Second Convener's Conference
FTAA-2605-1227
4 September 2026

[1] A further conference will be held on **Thursday 1 October at 10:00am**. A MS Teams invite will shortly be sent.

[2] The purpose of this conference is to check that the scope of work directed in Minute 4 has been agreed and to determine whether work has commenced and remains on track for delivery in early November. The status of that work will inform the timing of panel appointment and commencement, and the time required for the panel decision.

Participants at the panel convener's conference

[3] Any persons that were invited to attend the first Panel Convener Conference on 23 July 2026 are invited to attend the second conference:

- (a) The authorised person or Applicant – Bell Road Limited Partnership.
- (b) The relevant iwi authorities and relevant Treaty settlement entity.
- (c) Relevant administering agencies – Department of Conservation and Heritage New Zealand.
- (d) Relevant local authorities – Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Western Bay of Plenty Regional Council, and Tauranga City Council.

Accessibility and recording of the panel convener's conference

[4] The conference will be held remotely, with access provided to participants. The conference will be recorded, and a copy of the recording will be made available on the fast-track website.

[5] The Application documents can be viewed on the fast-track website [here](#).

Cost recovery

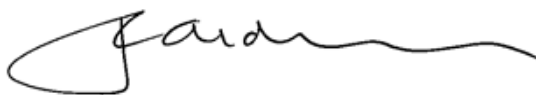
[6] Cost recovery for participation in fast-track processes is determined by the FTAA and the Fast-track Approvals (Cost Recovery) Regulations 2025.

[7] Costs for preparing and attending this conference are described in the policy. For information on costs recovery, the link to the policy is found [here](#).

Directions

[8] To prepare for the conference, I make the following directions:

- (a) The Applicant and Bay of Plenty Regional Council should provide a joint memorandum setting out:
 - (i) progress made to date on the two workstreams identified in their previous Joint Memorandum and an update on the expected timeframe for completion of the work; and
 - (ii) progress made on narrowing any further issues between them on issues of stormwater and flood hazard modelling.
- (b) All participants may, if they wish, file an additional memorandum setting out the status of other issues that, in their view, remain unresolved following the provision of the further information response to Minute 3.
- (c) Written responses and confirmation of attendance are to be filed by **10:00am on Tuesday 29 September 2026**.
- (d) All memoranda filed are expected to be circulated contemporaneously to the other conference participants.



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