Fast-track

Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa
New Zealand Government

MINUTE 2 OF THE PANEL CONVENER
Convener Conference

Belmont Quarry Development [FTAA-2607-1262]

19 October 2026

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[1] Winstone Aggregates seeks approvals to establish a new Overburden Disposal Area immediately north of the existing quarry on land currently forming part of the wider Belmont Regional Park in Wellington. Approvals sought include resource consents, a wildlife approval, an archaeological authority, a Reserves Act concession and a land exchange with the Department of Conservation.

[2] A conference will be held on **Thursday 5 November 2026 at 10:00 am**. A MS Teams invite will shortly be sent.

[3] The purpose of this conference is to gather participant views on matters arising in relation to the application filed under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024. Your views will inform two decisions that I must make as panel convener regarding:

(a) the appointment of panel members;[1]

(b) the timing of the panel decision.[2]

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[1] FTAA, schedule 3
[2] FTAA, section 79

Participants at the panel convener's conference

[4] The following persons[3] are invited to attend the conference:

(a) The authorised person or applicant – Winstone Aggregates Ltd;
(b) The relevant iwi authorities and relevant Treaty settlement entities (see Schedule 3)[4];
(c) Relevant administering agencies:
    (i) Department of Conservation;
    (ii) Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga
(d) Relevant local authorities:
    (i) Hutt City Council;
    (ii) Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Timeframe for a decision

[5] The Panel Convener decides the appropriate timeframe for release of the decision on the application. The Convener does so having had regard to the scale, nature, and complexity of the approvals sought (among other matters).[5] Complexity is in part a function of the issues that arise on this application.

Matters relevant to timeframe

[6] At the conference participants are invited to:

(a) Identify any significant gaps in information provided with the Application;

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[3] These people are referred to as 'statutory participants in the Guidance Note.

[4] FTAA, ss 18(2)(a). Section 7 states, relevantly, all persons performing and exercising functions, powers, and duties under this Act must act in a manner that is consistent with—
the obligations arising under existing Treaty settlements. The panel must invite iwi authorities and the Treaty settlement entities and adjacent landowners and occupiers to comment on the application. The panel may also invite other Māori groups with a relevant interest to comment.

[5] FTAA, section 79.

Comment on the extent of engagement by the Applicant both before and following lodgement of the Application;

(b) Describe the complexity of the Application;

(c) Identify the principal environmental effects and the principal issues likely to be in contention or other disputed matters relevant to the Application and the panel's decision;

(d) Propose, or record where agreed, efficient processes to enable the panel to understand, resolve or narrow/reduce the scope of any such issues and indicate how these processes may be accounted for in the decision timeframe;

(e) State whether the drafting of the proposed conditions for the approvals sought (including any draft management plan filed) is accepted and, to the extent that it is not accepted, indicate the areas of dispute and the likely effort and time needed to resolve those matters;

(f) Identify any changes made since lodgement or in the process of being made to the Application since lodgement, including any new or supplementary reports and draft conditions; and

(g) Indicate the number of working days, following receipt of comments, that the participant considers should be allowed for the panel to make its decision.

[7] It is anticipated that the local authorities will obtain input from planning and technical advisors to identify the likely issues. However, an assessment of merits is not required at this stage. For information about cost recovery, please refer to the EPA's cost-recovery policy (details below).

Composition of the panel

[8] I will also be seeking the participants' views on the skills, knowledge and expertise required for the persons to be appointed to the panel.

[9] I will be writing to the local authorities separately, inviting them to nominate a person for appointment to the panel.

Accessibility and recording of the panel convener's conference

[10] 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.

[11] The application documents can be viewed on the fast-track website here.

Cost recovery

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

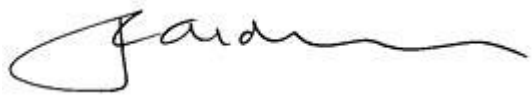
[13] Costs for preparing and attending this conference are described in the policy. For information on costs recovery, the link to the policy is found here.

Directions

[14] I make the following directions:

(a) The participants are to file a written response to the matters set out in this Minute;

(b) Written responses and confirmation of attendance are to be filed by **10 am on 2 November 2026**.



Jennifer Caldwell
Panel convener for the purpose of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Schedule 1: Relevant iwi authorities and relevant Treaty settlement entities invited to attend

- Taranaki Whānui ki Te Ūpoko Te Ika;
- Ngāti Toa Rangatira;
- Rangitāne o Wairarapa; and
- Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā (Wairarapa Tāmaki nui-ā-Rua)

Copy to: Other Māori groups with relevant interests not invited to attend[6]

- Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust
- Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Inc
- Rangitāne Tū Māi Rā Trust
- Rangitāne o Wairarapa
- Ngāti Tama ki Te Ūpoko o Te Ika Society Incorporated; and
- Wellington Tenths Trust.

[6] FTAA, s 18(2)(k)