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## MINUTE 4 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Invitation to comment on the draft conditions  
Milldale [FTAA-2503-1038]

(5 September 2025)

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[1] The purpose of this Minute is to direct the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to invite comments on:

- (a) Draft conditions of consent from specified parties under section 70 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA); and
- (b) Draft decision and conditions from specified Ministers under section 72 of the FTAA.

[2] The draft decision, including the draft conditions (set out in **Appendix A**), is attached as **Attachment 1**.

[3] Since issuing the initial invitation to comment on the Milldale application, the Expert Panel has reviewed the application and prepared its draft decision and conditions.

[4] In doing so, the Panel has considered:

- (a) The application material, including the Applicant's proposed conditions;
- (b) Comments received under section 53 of the FTAA;
- (c) Information provided by the Applicant in response to two Panel requests;
- (d) Relevant planning instruments, environmental standards, Treaty settlement deeds, and applicable legislation;
- (e) Any other relevant information, including the provisions of the FTAA.

[5] Under section 70, the Panel directs the EPA to invite comments on the draft conditions from:

- (a) The Applicant;
- (b) All parties who provided comments under section 53;
- (c) The relevant local authority or statutory body responsible for enforcing or monitoring compliance with the conditions.

[6] The draft conditions are included in Appendix A. The Panel requests that any suggested amendments are recorded as tracked changes in the Word version of the document.

[7] In accordance with section 72, the Panel seeks comments on the draft decision and conditions from:

- (a) The Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti; and
- (b) The Minister for Māori Development.

[8] All comments must be submitted by close of business Friday, 19 September 2025.

[9] Any response by the Applicant to comments received (as provided for under section 70(4)) must be submitted by close of business Friday, 26 September 2025.

[10] Earlier responses are encouraged to assist the Panel's final decision-making.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Minninnick', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Daniel Minninnick  
Milldale Expert Panel Chair

**Attachment 1 – Milldale Fast-track Decision and conditions (draft)**

Attached separately