
MINUTE 12 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Expert conferencing – additional attendees

Green Steel [FTAA-2506-1074]

(21 January 2026)

[1] In Minute 11 the Panel directed expert conferencing to occur in relation to the proposed Monofills, earthworks and related geotechnical issues. Minute 11 named the relevant experts to attend the conferencing.

[2] The Panel has received a request from the Applicant that the following additional persons attend the expert conferencing:

- (a) Craig Shearer, due to his familiarity with the draft conditions, which he has largely prepared on behalf of the Applicant. Mr Shearer can contribute to technical discussions by identifying if issues have already been conditioned or any conditions that may need to be added or modified.
- (b) Brett Howlett, due to his experience in the landfill industry and particularly with floc recycling. Mr Howlett can provide input into any technical discussions on the behaviour of floc.

[3] The Panel has considered the Applicant's request and agrees that Mr Shearer and Mr Howlett can attend the expert conferencing.

[4] Mr Shearer has been acting as the Applicant's principal representative and Mr Howlett is its General Manager. Their attendance at the conference is strictly on the basis that they are attending as experts only in the particular fields identified above, and not as representatives of or advocates for the Applicant. Their involvement is limited to the purpose of contributing their specialist knowledge and expertise in those fields.

[5] They are also to provide the EPA in advance of the conference, their acceptance in writing of the conditions in [4] above and confirmation that they have read and will comply with the Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses in the

Environment Court Practice Note 2023, as if references therein to the Court are to the Panel.

[6] The Panel notes that the expert conferencing will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 22 January 2026, with the participants attending remotely.

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Matthew Casey KC
Green Steel Expert Panel Chair