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**MINUTE 6 OF THE EXPERT PANEL  
Suspension**

**State Highway 1 North Canterbury – Woodend Bypass Project (Belfast  
to Pegasus) [FTAA-2512-1157]**

**11 May 2026**

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[1] By memorandum dated 8 May 2026, and in accordance with section 64(1) of the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act), the Applicant has made a written request to the Panel that the processing of the substantive application be suspended through to 14 May 2026.

[2] The suspension was sought to ensure that the Applicant has sufficient time to respond to all comments received by the Panel under section 53 of the Act.

[3] Under section 64(4) of the Act, the Panel may, at its discretion, suspend the processing of a consent application when a request is made. Where the Panel does grant a suspension, it must give written notice of the date on which processing was suspended to any of the parties specified under s 64(a) to (d) of the Act.

[4] The Panel has considered the memorandum from the Applicant and decided to grant the request. Processing of the State Highway 1 North Canterbury – Woodend Bypass Project application will therefore be suspended from 11:59pm on Friday 8 May 2026.

[5] The Applicant has requested that, at this time, the suspension would be for a period of 4 working days. Unless advised otherwise, processing of the application will resume on 12.01am on Friday 15 May 2026.

[6] The Panel also records that Counsel for the Applicant has confirmed the Applicant is happy for the Panel to continue considering the application throughout the period that processing is suspended.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob van Voorthuysen', with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Rob van Voorthuysen

**Woodend Bypass Project Expert Panel Chair**