
MINUTE 5 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Acceptance of late comment
Hunua Quarry Development [FTAA-2603-1185]
13 August 2026

[1] Under section 54 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act), the invited parties were provided 20 working days to submit their comments, which for this application closed no later than **11 August 2026**.

[2] Since the closing of comments, one comment had been filed out of time. Under s 81(6) of the Act, the Panel may (but is not required to) consider comments filed after the applicable timeframe at its discretion.

[3] The Panel has opted to consider late comments from the following parties:

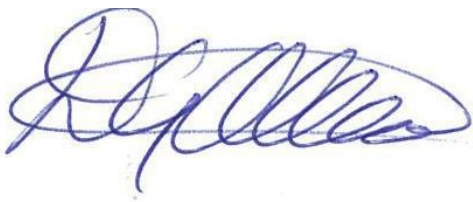
(a) Auckland Conservation Board

[4] The Panel has decided to exercise its discretion to receive and consider the late comment due to the following reasons:

- a) Material provided by the Board confirms that the original comment was sent on 11 August 2026, which was within the designated 20-working-day timeframe. The delay in receipt was due to a technical error where the submission was sent to an incorrect email address. The Board provided the original timestamped email and the bounce-back notification confirming the delivery failure.
- b) Given the significant amount of material and the complexity of the Hunua

Quarry Development project, the Panel considers that receiving this comment will better assist them in their assessment of the application's potential effects.

The Panel recognises that timeframes are tight for the Applicant and there is an overriding fairness requirement. If needed the Applicant has two extra days to respond to the Auckland Conservation Board's comments.

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David Allen

Hunua Quarry Development Expert Panel Chair