
MINUTE 1 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Project overview briefing, site visit update and appointment of a special advisor
Oparure Quarry South-Western Pit [FTAA-2606-1251]

(29 September 2026)

- [1] The purpose of this Minute is to confirm details of the Panel's proposed project overview briefing (from the Applicant), the upcoming Panel site visit and record an appointment made by the Panel.

Project Overview Conference

- [2] The briefing will be held on 5 October 2026 commencing at 1:00pm at the Waikato Regional Council offices in Hamilton.
- [3] The Applicant is requested to provide the Panel with a focused overview of the Project including presentations on key matters as they see them. Visual material to orientate the Panel would be appreciated.
- [4] The Panel invites the following parties to attend in person or via teams in an observer capacity:
- The Applicant
 - Waikato Regional Council
 - Waitomo District Council
 - Te Nehenchenui Trust
 - Waikato River Authority
 - Ōparure Marae
- [5] The conference will be recorded and loaded to the project website for other parties to review in due course.

Site Visit

- [6] The Panel will be attending a site visit on 6 October 2026.
- [7] A Minute will be issued following the site visit to record the details of the day.
- [8] Please contact Application Lead, Awesta Seddiqi, at info@fastrack.govt.nz with any matters arising from this minute.

Appointment of Special Advisor

- [9] Under clause 10(2) of Schedule 3 of the Act, the Panel may appoint a special adviser to assist the Panel with a substantive application in relation to any matters the Panel may determine.
- [10] The Panel has appointed Liz White from Liz White Planning to assist with decision writing matters.



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