

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

MINUTE 8 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Final Determination Regarding Hearing
Southland Wind Farm [FTAA-2508-1095]

26 February 2026

[1] The Southland Wind Farm Expert Panel (the Panel) has determined that, following receipt of the section 53 comments, the Applicant's section 55 response and the responses to Minutes 3–7, it now has sufficient information to make its decision.

[2] On this basis, the Panel considers that, in accordance with section 56 of the FTAA, a hearing is not required for this application.

[3] The Panel is now working to prepare its draft decision for circulation as soon as possible, in line with the requirements of the FTAA.

[4] The Panel is aware that section 53 parties have enquired about the expected timing of the draft decision. While the Panel is not subject to statutory timeframes for releasing a draft, it wishes to indicate that it is likely to be issued in the second week of March 2026.



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