
MINUTE 5 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Record of omission from Minute 4
(31 March 2026)

[1] The purpose of this Minute is to record an omission from Minute 4 – Invitation to Comment.

[2] On 11 March 2026, the Expert Panel issued Minute 4 in relation to invitations to comment under section 53 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2025 (the Act).

[3] The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has been made aware that Minute 4 did not include Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua, representing Ngāti Whātua (remaining claims) and Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated, representing Waikato-Tainui (remaining claims) in the list of parties invited to comment under section 53(2) of the Act (Appendix 1 of Minute 4).

[4] Both groups were identified as Relevant Maori Groups in the Section 18 Report on Treaty Settlements and Other Obligations.

[5] The EPA has confirmed that both groups were sent invitations to comment on the Application, pursuant to Section 53 of the Act. Therefore, while these groups were omitted from the list contained in Appendix 1 of Minute 4, the opportunity of these parties to comment on the Application has not been impacted.



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