
MINUTE 7 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Request for further information on the acoustic assessment
Foxton Solar Farm [FTAA-2510-1121]
[18 June 2026]

[1] The purpose of this minute is to request further information from the Applicant under section 67 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) in relation to the acoustic assessment produced by SLR Consulting (SLR).

[2] As recorded in Minute 6, the Panel appointed Darren Humpheson to assist the Panel with acoustic matters.

[3] Mr Humpheson has raised the following queries in relation to the acoustic assessment produced by SLR (dated 13 February 2026):

- *Tables C-1 and C-2 in Appendix C (results of noise modelling) have the same title (Predicted highest noise level – property boundaries) but Table C-2 appears to be results for dwellings. Please confirm.*
- *The SLR Report does not state where the dwelling results are predicted, i.e. is this a façade level, at the notional boundary or freefield at the location of the dwelling. Please confirm.*
- *The SLR Report states that assumed transformer frequency spectra was adopted in the Sound PLAN model. There is no similar statement for other electrical infrastructure. Please confirm whether broadband data has been modelled or frequency data. If broadband what are the implications / uncertainties (sound propagation, barrier performance, tonality at receiver location).*
- *The results in Tables C-1 and C-2 do not appear to line up with the predicted noise contour plot. For example:*
 - *371 Wall Road, PROP08 (property boundary location, Table C-1) a level of 35 dB*

L_{Aeq} is predicted but RES08 (dwelling, Table C-2) shows a higher level of 37 dB L_{Aeq}. We would expect a higher predicted level at the closer property boundary location (unless the dwelling level is a façade level).

- *286 Wall Road, PROP04 is 38 dB L_{Aeq}, RES04 is 38 dB(A) – RES04 being further from the site boundary.*
- *368 Motuiti Road, PROP10 is 32 dB L_{Aeq}, RES10 is 34 dB L_{Aeq})*
- *181 Motuiti Road (PROP41 is 33 dB L_{Aeq}, RES41 is 40 dB L_{Aeq})*

[4] Mr Humpheson has requested that the result tables and the report be updated to address these anomalies.

[5] The Panel has considered matters identified by Mr Humpheson and is satisfied that further clarification and/or amendment of the Applicant's acoustic assessment is required to enable completion of the peer review exercise.

[6] The Panel therefore requests the Applicant to provide this information by **close of business Friday, 26 June 2026**. The updated material is to:

- clearly identify all changes made (for example, by way of tracked changes); and
- include any supporting explanation necessary to respond to the technical queries raised.

[7] The updated material will be provided to Mr Humpheson to enable completion of his peer review and any further advice to the Panel.

[8] Any material provided in response to this minute will be published on the Fast-track website, and the Panel will determine whether any further opportunity to comment is required.



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