

**Twizel Solar Project
Nova Energy Limited
Comments on Minute 3, Schedule 2 - proposed decision timeframe**

Task	Working days	Date	Nova comments/reasoning
Panel commencement date	N/A	31 August 2026	Nominal date provided by Minute 3 of the Panel Convener.
Invite comment from relevant parties	10 W/D later	11 September 2026	Nova considers this to be a reasonable timeframe for the Panel to familiarise itself with the application and identify persons to be invited to comment. Nova could provide a briefing to the Panel during this period if desired. The Panel could also undertake a site visit during this period.
Comments close (s 53 & 54)	20 W/D later	9 October 2026	Timeframe in accordance with section 54 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA).
Applicant's response to comments submitted (s 55)	5 W/D later	16 October 2026	Timeframe in accordance with section 55 of the FTAA
Any other procedural steps, evaluation and decision writing	20 W/D later	16 November 2026	Nova considers that 20 working days is reasonable to resolve matters resulting from s53 comments. During this time period any expert conferencing or conditions conferencing could occur. Nova does not anticipate any need for a hearing.
Draft decision to approve			
Draft decision and conditions to Ministers and to participants (s 70 and 72)		16 November 2026	In accordance with section 72(1A) these steps can occur concurrently.
Response from Ministers and participants. (s 70 and 72)	10 W/D later	30 November 2026	Timeframe for Ministers' responses is in accordance with section 72(2) FTAA.
Applicant response to comments (if any)	5 W/D later	7 November 2026	
Evaluate, finalise and release decision	10 W/D later	21 December 2026	Nova considers that this time period is adequate, having regard to the fact that discussions regarding conditions have already commenced and will continue during the deliberations process.