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Suspension of processing
Mt Iron Junction Housing Scheme Expert Panel
FTAA-2602-1173
27 August 2026

[1] By way of memorandum dated 27 August 2026, the applicant has requested that processing of the application be suspended under section 64 of the FTAA.

[2] The request is intended to give the planning witnesses sufficient time to discuss the conditions and update them with Mr Blair Devlin, without affecting the Expert Panel's deliberation period.

[3] Under s64(4) of the Act, the Panel may, at its discretion suspend the processing of a consent application when a request is made. Where the Panel does grant a suspension, it must give written notice of the date on which processing was suspended to any of the parties specified under s 64(a) to (d) of the Act.

[4] The Panel has considered the memorandum from the applicant and decided to grant the request. Processing of the Mt Iron Junction Housing Scheme application will therefore be suspended from 11:59pm on 28 August 2026.

[5] The Panel anticipates that, prior to 7 September 2026, the applicant will file a request to resume processing under section 65(1) of the Act.

[6] The Panel also records that Counsel for the applicant has confirmed the applicant is happy for the Panel, EPA staff, agencies, and special advisors to continue considering the application throughout the period that processing is

suspended.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'H/Beattie'.

Dr Lee Beattie

Mt Iron Housing Scheme Expert Panel Chair