
MINUTE 3 OF THE PANEL CONVENER

Conflict of interest check

FTAA-2509-1100

(3 December 2025)

[1] This Minute is released for the purpose of case management. I am ready to set up the panel for Point Solar Farm

[2] As the participants know, I am considering appointing Mr Stephen Brown to the common panel to decide the Haldon and Point Solar Farm applications. Mr Brown, a landscape architect, was nominated by the local authorities in relation to the Point Solar Farm application.

[3] In 2012, Mr Brown was engaged by a consent authority to give evidence on an appeal to the Environment Court (ENV-2012-CHC-138). The property was owned by Kydd and McIntyre. The subject matter of the appeal concerned the take and use of water to irrigate farmland. He is not certain, but the property may be the site of either the Haldon or the Point Solar Farm applications. The appeal was withdrawn before the hearing.¹

[4] The appeal pre-dates the proposed District Plan. I understand all appeals have been resolved in relation to that plan.

¹ In the interests of full disclosure, I was the presiding judge but beyond that I have no recollection of the case.

Direction

[5] Point Solar Farm and the local authorities are to file a memorandum by **3 pm on Wednesday, 3 December 2025**, if they consider that Mr Brown has a conflict of interest. If so, they are to succinctly state the grounds for their concern. No action is required if no concern arises.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane". The letter "J" is large and stylized, with a long vertical stroke and a curved bottom. The word "Jane" is written in a cursive script.

Jane Borthwick
Panel convener for the purpose of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024