

# Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

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## MINUTE 12 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

### Further Suspension of Application Processing

Pound Road Industrial Development [FTAA-2505-1057]

28 January 2026

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- [1] By a memorandum dated 26 January 2026 the Applicant requested a suspension of the processing of the Application under s 64 FTAA.
- [2] The suspension was requested to allow sufficient time for the Applicant, Christchurch City Council (**CCC**), NZ Transport Agency (**NZTA**), and KiwiRail to consult before a conference with the Panel (refer Minute 11). The purpose of this consultation is to explore the unresolved matters between the parties and to identify the potential solutions to address them.
- [3] The Applicant has advised it intends for the suspension to be for five working days, beginning 11:59pm, 26 January 2026.
- [4] Under s 64 FTAA the Panel grants the suspension as at the date of receiving the Applicant's request for suspension. Processing of the application ceased at 11:59pm, 26 January 2026, with day 1 of the suspension recorded as 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026.
- [5] The Applicant has agreed that the Panel may continue its evaluation of the application during the period of suspension.

**Updated timetable for matters set out in Panel Minute 11**

- [6] In light of the suspension, the Applicant has proposed amended timetable for directions in Minute 11, which the Panel confirms and **directs**:
- a. Any amendments or additions to Appendix 1, the list of topics for discussion at conference, are to be filed by **Tuesday, 3 February 2026**. The parties (including the Transport Agencies) should use this as an opportunity to identify where agreement has been reached on any topics so the Panel can consider the matters that need to be discussed at the conference.
  - b. The conference with the identified parties is set down for **Thursday, 5 February 2026**.
  - c. The Applicant is to provide its assessment of the implications of the new or amended national direction instruments that are relevant to the Application **by Monday, 9 February 2026**.
- [7] The EPA are **directed** to liaise with the parties on the logistics on the conference.



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**Pound Road Industrial Development Expert Panel Chair**