
MINUTE 2 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Project overview conference and appointment of technical adviser
Alternative to Brynderwyn Hills [FTAA-2603-1178]
[9 July 2026]

[1] This purpose of this minute is to record that a project overview conference was held, and to confirm the appointment of a special and technical adviser to support the Alternative to Brynderwyn Hills Expert Panel (the Panel).

Project overview conference

[2] An online project overview conference was held on 7 July 2026. The conference was attended by the Panel, and members of the New Zealand Transport Agency (the Applicant).

[3] The Applicant team provided an overview of the project to orient the Panel in advance of its site visit (likely to occur in August) and responded to preliminary questions from the Panel arising from the project orientation.

[4] The Panel records its thanks to the Applicant for providing an overview of the project at short notice.

Appointment of technical adviser

[5] Pursuant to clause 10(2) and (3) of Schedule 3 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA), the Panel may appoint a special adviser and / or technical advisers to assist with a substantive application in relation to any matters the Panel considers appropriate.

[6] The Panel has appointed Troy Brockbank as a special adviser to assist the Panel in relation to tikanga Māori, including in relation to the conduct of Panel processes. In addition, given that the Section 18 report and Cultural Impact Assessments already provided in relation to the project raise matters relating to te ao Māori, Mr Brockbank's engagement may extend to matters of a technical nature in relation to te ao Māori arising from the Application, further information provided and/or comments from invited parties. While Panel members have a good understanding of te ao Māori (as required by clause 7(1)(b) of Schedule 3 to the FTAA), Mr Brockbank has particular expertise and experience in this area and therefore his appointment is considered appropriate.

[7] Mr Brockbank is also an experienced civil engineer, and a Fellow of Engineering New Zealand, with expertise in infrastructure, water, & environmental engineering, and the application of mātauranga Māori alongside engineering practice. The Panel considers that his technical expertise in these areas may also be of assistance to the Panel and therefore his appointment as a technical adviser extends to civil engineering matters as required. The Panel reserves the right to appoint additional technical advisers as required, to address other engineering matters and / or other disciplines, as considered appropriate. The Panel anticipates appointing further advisers over the next few weeks and will publish another Minute addressing those appointments.

[8] Any report(s) produced by Mr Brockbank in his capacity as technical adviser to the Panel will be published on the Fast Track website, and the applicant will be provided with an opportunity to respond or file material in reply.



Mary Hill

Alternative to Brynderwyn Hills Expert Panel Chair