
MINUTE 5 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Unsolicited comments
Auckland Prison Capacity Increase Expert Panel
FTAA-2603-1179
14 August 2026

[1] This Minute records that the Panel received an unsolicited comment from a non-invited party, and sets out the Panel’s approach to dealing with that information.

[2] On 29 June 2026, the Panel issued Minute 2, which identified the parties invited to comment on the substantive application for the Auckland Prison Capacity Increase project under section 53 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA).

[3] On 18 July 2026, the Panel received a “comment” from Victoria Koopen, who was not identified in Minute 2 as a party invited to comment under section 53 of the FTAA. For completeness, the Panel notes that no report was commissioned from Victoria Koopen under section 67(1)(b).

[4] The FTAA does not provide the Panel with general discretion to accept and consider information from persons who are not parties to the process.

[5] Whilst the Panel notes receipt of the unsolicited information identified above, the Panel records that it is unable to accept that information as part of the record, and will not seek parties’ views on it, and will not consider it as part of its decision-making process.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "P. Maw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "P" and a clear "Maw".

Philip Maw

Auckland Prison Capacity Increase Expert Panel Chair