
MINUTE 2 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Appointment of special/technical advisors

Ōhoka Residential Subdivision Expert Panel [FTAA-2606-1253]

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[1] This minute outlines the appointment of three technical advisors and a special advisor to support the Ōhoka Residential Subdivision expert panel.

[2] As outlined in clause 10 of Schedule 3 of the Act, the Expert Panel (Panel) may appoint special/technical advisors to assist with a substantive application in relation to any matters the Panel may determine.

[3] In order to ensure that its timely consideration of the application is carried out in an efficient manner, the Panel has determined that it is necessary to use these powers to appoint the following advisors:

- (a) Tim Denne, Economist
- (b) Julian Weir, Groundwater Expert
- (c) Mark Groves, Surface and Stormwater Expert

[4] The appointment of Tim Denne is sought to assist the Panel in assessing the adequacy, methodology and conclusions of the Applicant's economic evidence, and to identify any economic issues that may require further information or consideration.

[5] The appointment of Julian Weir is sought to review groundwater evidence, assess the adequacy of groundwater modelling and assumptions, evaluate potential effects on groundwater resources and connected surface water bodies, review implications for stormwater infrastructure and development outcomes, and advise on any further information or conditions required.

[6] The appointment of Mark Groves is sought to review stormwater, flooding and surface water assessments; evaluate stormwater system design, modelling and performance assumptions; assess flood and water quality effects; identify any information gaps; and advise on any further information or conditions required.

[7] In summary, all experts have been asked in respect to their field of expertise, to:

- (a) Undertake a review of the assessments undertaken by the Applicant;
- (b) Give their views on the methodology used and conclusions reached in those assessments and in particular the significance of the matters assessed;
- (c) Review any comments or experts assessments provided by those parties and persons invited to comment by the Panel under Section 53 of the Act;
- (d) Answer any questions the Panel has regarding their reviews;
- (e) Identify any information gaps that might form the basis of further information requests from the Panel to the Applicant or other participating agencies;
- (f) Participate in expert conferencing if requested by the Panel.

[8] Any reports arising from these appointments will be published on the Fast Track website, and the applicant will be provided with an opportunity to respond or file material in reply.

[9] The Panel has also determined to appoint the following special advisor to provide expert planning support as required through the FTA process:

- (a) Vicky Jones, Planner.



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Ōhoka Residential Subdivision Expert Panel Chair