

# Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

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## MINUTE 3 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

### Invitation to comment

#### State Highway 1 North Canterbury – Woodend Bypass Project (Belfast to Pegasus) Substantive Application [FTAA-2512-1157]

13 April 2026

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[1] On 1 April 2026 the Panel issued Minute 2 addressing invitations to comment on the Substantive Application for the State Highway 1 North Canterbury – Woodend Bypass (Belfast to Pegasus) under section 53 of the Fast-Track Approvals Act 2025 (**the Act**).

[2] It has been brought to our attention that Appendix 1 failed to include the Minister of Transport as a section 53(2)(j) invitee. That omission was an unintentional oversight and accordingly we have asked the EPA to issue an invitation to comment to the Minister of Transport.

[3] We are hopeful that any comments that the Minister might wish to make can be provided to the EPA by 4 May 2026. However, we understand that in accordance with section 53 of the Act any such comments may be provided to the EPA up until 13 May 2026.

[4] Comments must be made to the EPA:

- a. by email to [substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz](mailto:substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz);
- b. by post to Private Bag 63002, Wellington 6140, New Zealand; or
- c. in person to Stewart Dawson's Corner, 366 Lambton Quay, Wellington 6011

[5] The Application may be accessed on the Fast-Track website here:

<https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/state-highway-1-north-canterbury->

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Rob van Voorthuysen

**Woodend Bypass Project Expert Panel Chair**