
MINUTE 12 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
North West Rapid Transit [FTAA-2511-1146]
12 June 2026

[1] This minute responds to the memorandum of counsel on behalf of the Applicant dated 3 June 2026 (**memorandum**) which raised a potential conflict issue regarding Panel member Langwell. The memorandum states at [9]:

NZTA requests that the Panel and Panel Convener consider this memorandum and confirm that, and specify how, the conflict is being and will be managed to ensure that it does not compromise the Panel's decision.

[2] The Panel has carefully considered the memorandum. Set out below is an account of the steps taken by the Panel to actively manage the issues raised.

[3] As an initial step, Panel Member Langwell has reviewed the disclosure already undertaken and has updated that initial disclosure with further detail to assist in the evaluation of the issue.

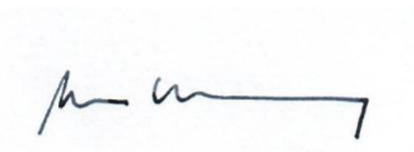
[4] Next, the Panel has sought and obtained independent legal advice from Philip Maw on 11 June 2026 addressing the issue. A copy of that legal advice is set out as **Attachment A**, which includes as an attachment Panel Member

Langwell's updated disclosure. Materially, the advice confirms that the issue is capable of being managed without recusal.

[5] The Panel has taken further action to actively manage the issue in accordance with the legal advice. The Panel has instructed the EPA to engage an independent transport expert to provide technical advice to the Panel in relation to transportation related issues. This will provide a robust independent view of relevant transport matters, to augment those of Panel Member Langwell and assist the Panel in reaching its overall conclusions on all transport matters, including those that affect the Westgate area, the Te Waiarohia Station and surrounding network.

[6] In addition to these steps, the Panel remains alert to its natural justice responsibilities and the principles regarding conflict management identified in Mr Maw's earlier advice on conflicts dated 4 June 2026. On this basis the Panel considers the issue satisfactorily resolved.

[7] For completeness however, the Panel now invites the Applicant to advise whether there are any residual matters which it seeks to raise in respect of the Panel's response to the memorandum. If there are, those matters should be set out in a memorandum and the Panel will convene a conference with counsel for the Applicant to discuss resolution.

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Lachlan Muldowney

North West Rapid Transit Expert Panel Chair