
MINUTE 4 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Late Section 53 comments

Mt Iron Junction Housing Development Expert Panel [FTAA-2602-1173]

23 June 2026

[1] This minute addresses the late submission of a number of attachments supporting both the Queenstown Lakes District Council's (Council) and Otago Regional Council's (Regional Council) comments under s.53 on the application. While both the Council and Regional Council's attempted to submit their comments by 5.00pm on Friday 19 June 2026, for technical reasons not all their associated attachments were included.

[2] These were all received by 10.02 am and 10.32 am, 22 June 2026, at the EPA. We have, while acknowledging the complete package of comments from these Councils were received late, resolved to accept them, exercising our discretion under section 81(6) of the Act.

[3] It would appear to us that the Applicant would still have almost five working days to provide their response to these comments and would not be adversely impacted by this minor delay. However, if the applicant feels they need more time, the Panel would be open to a one-day extension to enable the Applicant to provide their responses to these comments if needed. Consequently, we seek the Applicant's view on this matter as to whether extra time is actually required or whether their response can still be provided by 5.00pm 26 June 2026.

[4] We are aware that several parties who were not invited to comment under Minute 2 of the Expert Panel have provided comments to the EPA. Under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, only parties specified by the Panel are able to

provide comments on an application. Accordingly, we are unable to take these comments into account.



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