

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

MINUTE 10 OF THE EXPERT PANEL Suspension of processing and other matters Waikanae North Development [FTAA-2603-1194]

18 September 2026

[1] On 17 September 2026 the Applicant filed a request for processing of the Waikanae North Development application to be suspended. A copy of the Applicant's request can be viewed on the Fast-track website, here: <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/waikanae-north-development/correspondence>

[2] Under section 64(4) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act), the Panel may, at its discretion suspend the processing of a consent application when a request is made. Where the Panel does grant a suspension, it must give written notice of the date on which processing was suspended to any of the parties specified under s 64(a) to (d) of the Act.

[3] The Panel has decided to grant the request from the Applicant. Processing of the application will therefore be suspended from 11:59pm on Thursday 17 September 2026.

[4] The Panel anticipates that the applicant will file a request to resume processing under section 65(1) of the Act.

[5] The Panel also records that the applicant has confirmed that they are happy for the Panel to continue considering the application throughout the period that processing is suspended.

Appointment of technical advisers

[6] Under clause 10(2) of Schedule 3 of the Act, the Panel may appoint technical advisers “*as it thinks appropriate.*”

[7] The Panel has appointed the following technical advisers:

- a) Matthew Allan from Brookfields Lawyers regarding legal matters;
- b) Jon Williamson from Williamson Water & Land Advisory regarding hydrogeology matters; and
- c) Leo Hills from Commute regarding transport matters.

[8] The Panel has received a peer review of the legal advice filed with the application from Matthew Allan. A copy of the review can be viewed here: <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/waikanae-north-development/reports-and-advice>

Late comment received

[9] A comment has been received from Fiona Campbell, who was invited to comment on the application under section 53 of the Act.

[10] Under section 81(6) of the Act, the Panel may choose to accept certain information after the applicable timeframe, provided that the final decision on the application has not been made.

[11] The Panel have accepted Ms Campbell's comment for consideration. A copy of the comment can be viewed here:
<https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/waikanae-north-development/comments-from-invited-parties>



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