

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act)

MINUTE 8 OF THE EXPERT PANEL Request for suspension of processing Maitahi Village [FTAA-2502-1009]

2 July 2025

Request for suspension

- [1] Where the Panel has invited comments on the substantive application under s 53 of the Act, the EPA must forward copies of any comments received to the applicant. Under s55 of the Act, the applicant may provide the EPA with a response to the comments no later than 5 working days after the date specified under s54 (1). In this case the specified date was 25 June 2025 so that the date by which the applicant must provide a response to the comments is 2 July 2025.
- [2] On 27 June 2025, Counsel for the applicant filed a memorandum requesting that processing of the Maitahi Village application be suspended under section 64(1) of the Act. A copy of the memorandum is available on the Fast-track website here: <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/maitahi-village/correspondence>
- [3] The Applicant has requested that processing be suspended from **11:59pm on 2 July 2025** to allow time to respond comprehensively to the comments received on the application. The applicant has advised the Panel that it expects to provide its response (with conditions) within 7 working days of 2 July 2025. On this basis processing of the application could resume no later

than 11:59pm on 11 July 2025.

- [4] Under s64(4) of 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.
- [5] The Panel has considered the memorandum from the applicant and decided to grant the request. Processing of the Maitahi Village application will therefore be suspended from **11:59pm on 2 July 2025**.
- [6] The Panel anticipates that, prior to Friday 11 July 2025, the applicant will file a request to resume processing under section 65(1) of the Act.
- [7] The Panel also records that Counsel for the applicant has the EPA that the applicant is happy for the Panel to continue considering the application throughout the period that processing is suspended.



Hon Lyn Stevens CNZM KC
Maitahi Village Expert Panel Chair