
MINUTE OF THE PANEL CONVENER

Minute following the Convener Conference on 10th June 2025

Drury Metropolitan Centre Expert Panel appointments

Decision time-frame

Drury Metropolitan Centre [FTAA-2502-1019]

(10 June 2025)

[1] The purpose of this Minute is to confirm the Expert Panel (**Drury Metropolitan Centre Expert Panel**) appointments, including the timing of those appointments, and the decision timeframe.

[2] During the conference on 9th June 2025, I was advised by Auckland Council (**Council**) and the Applicant that ongoing engagement between the parties is occurring and will continue to occur. I was not advised that Council would have any issues with the timeframe for providing comments under section 53 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2025 (**Act**).

[3] In terms of the membership of the Drury Metropolitan Centre Expert Panel no specific feedback was provided by the Applicant or the Council. It was clear to me that a three-member panel should suffice.

[4] As indicated to at the conference I engage the following members to the Drury Metropolitan Centre Expert Panel:

- (a) Mary Hill – Chair;
- (b) Philip Brown;
- (c) Richard Blakey.

[5] The date the Drury Metropolitan Centre Expert Panel will begin work will be 10 June 2025. For the purposes of section 53 the commencement date for the Drury Metropolitan Centre Expert Panel will be **30th June 2025**.

[6] With regard to the timing of the Drury Metropolitan Centre Expert Panel's decision the following is relevant to my consideration:

- (a) I note that Council and the Applicant have fully engaged and that further collaborative discussions are proposed.
- (b) Although the application contains significant experts reports and evidence it is not considered to be legally, evidentially or factually complex.
- (c) The Drury Metropolitan Centre Expert Panel has the power to request further information and reports under section 67 of the Act and the power to appoint a special and/or technical advisor under clause 10 of Schedule 3 of the Act.
- (d) Once the time for the decision is set under section 79 of the Act, I am not able to extend that time.
- (e) The Applicant considers that the default time of 30 working days after the date of receiving comments should be extended to 50 working days, Council agreed.

[7] After carefully considering all these matters, I propose to extend the timeframe for the Drury Metropolitan Centre Expert Panel to issue the decision documents under section 79 to 50 working days. This means the decision documents will be due by **20th October 2025**.

[8] In terms of next steps the participants will be contacted by the Drury Metropolitan Centre Expert Panel.

[9] I thank the participants for their engagement and assistance at the Conference, it is greatly appreciated.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'H. Atkins', with a stylized, cursive script.

Helen Atkins

Associate panel convener for the purpose of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024