

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

MINUTE 3 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Suspension of Application under section 74 FTAA
Drury Metropolitan Centre [FTAA-2502-1019]

(25 August 2025)

- [1] On 14 August 2025, the Expert Panel issued Minute 2 granting the request from the Applicant to suspend processing of the substantive application until Friday 22 August, unless advised otherwise.
- [2] On Friday 22 August 2025, the Panel received a memo from the Applicant's Counsel seeking a further three working days' suspension. The reason for seeking a further extension is to allow for the Applicant's experts to finish responding to comments received from Auckland Council and Waka Kotahi/NZTA.
- [3] Pursuant to section 64(3) of the FTAA, the Expert Panel (Panel) may, at its discretion, suspend the processing of the Application. Whilst the discretion is broadly framed, the Panel must nevertheless exercise its discretion in a principled way, including by reference to the purpose of the FTAA.
- [4] Having considered the reasons for the requested suspension, the Panel considers that granting the suspension sought is consistent with the

purpose of the FTAA.

- [5] The Applicant has requested that the suspension be for a period of three working days. Unless advised otherwise, processing of the application will resume on Wednesday 27 August 2025.
- [6] In accordance with section 64 of the FTAA, the Panel grants the request to suspend processing of the substantive application, effective from 11:59pm Friday 22 August 2025.
- [7] As a consequence of the suspension, the Applicant is required to respond to all comments by 11.59 pm Thursday 28 August 2025.
- [8] The Panel authorises the EPA to give notice of this decision to the Applicant, and all persons or groups invited to provide comment under section 53 of the FTAA.



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