



RE: FTAA-2508-1093 Invitation to Comment Letter - Minister for the Environment

From Environment Portfolio <Environment.Portfolio@parliament.govt.nz>

Date Fri 2025-12-05 8:57 AM

To Substantive <Substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz>

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Thank you for the below invitation to comment.

Please be advised that Hon Penny Simmonds, Minister for the Environment has reviewed this application and does not wish to provide comment.

Kind regards



Office of Hon Penny Simmonds

Environment Portfolio

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Sent: Wednesday, 19 November 2025 4:29 PM

To: Penny Simmonds (MIN) <P.Simmonds@ministers.govt.nz>

Subject: FTAA-2508-1093 Invitation to Comment Letter - Minister for the Environment

You are receiving this letter in your capacity as the **Minister for the Environment**, as you have been identified as holding a portfolio relevant to the application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

Tēnā koe

Notice of application by Waterfall Park Developments Ltd and invitation to comment under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Notice of Application

On 28 August 2025, Waterfall Park Developments Ltd lodged an application with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for the Ayrburn Screen Hub under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). The application seeks the following approvals:

- an approval described in section 42(4)(a) or (d) (resource consent or designation);

On 12 September 2025 the EPA determined that the application complied with section 46(2) of the Act. On 25 September 2025 the EPA decided under Ministerial delegation that the application does not have competing applications or existing resource consents under section 47 of the Act and has now referred the application to the Ayrburn Screen Hub expert panel (the Panel) for processing and decision.

A copy of the application(s) and supporting documents can be accessed on the Fast-track website:

<https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/ayrburn-screen-hub/substantive-application>

Invitation to Comment

The Panel invites you to comment on the above application under sections 53 and 54 of the Act. If you wish to comment on the application, please submit your comments to the Fast-track Team by email to substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz with the project name in the subject line. A response form is enclosed to assist you with providing relevant details. If you do not wish to comment, you do not need to respond.

Your portfolio has been identified as:
Minister for the Environment

To assist timeframes to be met, email is the preferred method for response, if you are unable to submit your comments digitally, you may respond by post to Ayrburn Screen Hub Fast-track Application, Environmental Protection Authority, Private Bag 63002, Waterloo Quay, Wellington 6140.

Your comments must be received by the Fast-track Team no later than 17 December 2025. There is no right for you (or any other person) to seek a waiver of this time limit.

The Fast-track Team will forward copies of any comments received to Waterfall Park Developments Ltd and the Panel.

If you comment on the application, the Panel will also invite you to comment on the draft conditions at a later stage. If you do not comment on the application, you will be notified of the decision on the application when it is made.

Important information

Your personal information will be held by the EPA and used in relation to the project consent application process. You have the right to access and correct personal information held by the EPA. Certain information in relation to your comments on the application will become public as the EPA will publish a copy of your comments on the Fast-track website.

If you are a corporate entity making comments on this application, your full contact details will be publicly available. For individuals, your name will be publicly available, but your contact details (phone number, address, and email) will not be publicly available.

All information held by the EPA is subject to the Official Information Act 1982. If you believe any of the information you provide is confidential or sensitive and should be withheld from publication, please highlight the information concerned and provide an explanation to support your request for withholding it.

Minute of the Expert Panel

On 19 November 2025, the Panel released Minute 4 regarding this invitation to comment. This Minute can be read on the Fast-track website:

<https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/ayrburn-screen-hub/correspondence>

Further Information

More information on the fast-track consenting process can be found at <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/>

More information on commenting on Fast-track consenting can be found at

<https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/process/comments>

If you have any questions please contact [REDACTED] by email at substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

Ngā mihi,
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