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## MINUTE 23 THE EXPERT PANEL

Suspension of Application  
Sunfield [FTAA-2503-1039]  
(19 December 2025)

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1. By Memorandum dated 19th December 2025, and in accordance with section 64(1) of the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA), the Applicant's Agent made a written request to the EPA that the processing of the substantive application be suspended from **11.59pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**. No end date for the suspension period was requested.
2. Whilst no specific reason was given for the suspension, the Panel apprehends that the reason is to enable the Applicant to respond to the further information requests made in Minute 22.
3. Pursuant to section 64(3), 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. The Panel considers that granting the suspension sought is consistent with the purpose of the FTAA and grants the request to suspend processing the substantive application, effective from 11.59pm on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025. 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.
5. The Panel notes that, in its request for suspension, the applicant confirms that it agrees the Expert Panel may continue to work on the application

during suspension. Approval has not been given for any other party to continue to work on the application during the suspension timeframe.

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Philip Maw  
Expert Panel Chair