

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

MINUTE #4 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Clarification of information requested.
The Point Solar Farm [FTAA-2508-1100]

2 February 2026

- [1] Reference is made to the Request for Information issued on 23 January 2026 (RFI).
- [2] The Applicant's response was sought by 6 February 2026. That day is Waitangi Day, a Public Holiday. To clarify, the response is to be provided by 9 February 2026.
- [3] In an email from the Applicant of 27 January 2026 which was clarified in the site visit of 30 January 2026, the Applicant sought more time in which to undertake the quantitative surveys for vegetation, invertebrates and lizards referred to in the RFI, explaining that it was not practicable to complete the survey work by 9 February 2026.
- [4] The Panel wishes to have this further survey evidence, and the time for providing that information is extended to 23 February 2026. We emphasise that the remainder of the information requested in the RFI of 23 January 2026 is to be provided by 9 February 2026.
- [5] In an email of 29 January 2026, the Applicant asked whether under the RFI, information is sought about potential landscape cumulative effects. This was also raised orally in the Site Visit.
- [6] The Panel would benefit from such information and requests the Applicant to provide such an assessment as part of the RFI. It looks forward to the inclusion of this information in the Response of 9 February 2026.

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