

Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

MINUTE 15 OF THE EXPERT PANEL Request for further information Waikanae North Development [FTAA-2603-1194]

8 October 2026

[1] On 6 October 2026, the applicant provided the Panel with an updated set of proposed conditions. The Panel understands that further revisions to the proposed conditions are forthcoming.

Request for information from the Applicant

[2] Under section 67 of the Fast-track Approvals Act (the Act), the Panel may request further information from certain parties at any time before the final decision on the application is made.

[3] In the course of the Applicant reviewing further revisions to the conditions, the Panel requests that the following matter regarding the design of the twin box culvert and overflow weir addressed in Condition R137 be addressed.

[4] The Panel notes Greater Wellington Regional Council's Item 4 in its section 53 Flood Advisory comments: *Please note that this double barrel culvert and weir structure will function as a retention dam structure, it is recommended that breach or failure modes are also tested to understand potential downstream risks.*

[5] Regarding the potential for breach, the Panel notes that as 200,000 m³ of water can be stored behind the culverts and weir it considers it prudent that potential downstream risks arising from a breach are understood and requests

that the applicant advises how this will be achieved.

[6] Regarding failure modes the Panel considers that this should be addressed by augmenting Condition R137 to require the geotechnical and hydraulic design to address the following possible failure modes:

- a. overtopping failure;
- b. seepage failure, including piping and internal erosion; and
- c. structural failure, including sliding and instability.

[7] The Panel requests that the applicant augment Condition R137 as necessary to include these requirements.

[8] A response from the Applicant is due on **Monday 12 October 2026**.

[9] If the information requested is not received, the Panel must proceed as if the request for further information has been declined.

Please note that the requested information will be made available on the Fast-track website.



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