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**MINUTE 2 OF THE PANEL CONVENER**
**Appointment and timing of panel**

**Milldale North [FTAA-2608-1280]**

**23 October 2026**

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[1] On 22 October I held a convener conference in respect of this application. The conference was attended by the Applicant and its legal and planning team, and representatives from Auckland Council.

[2] The purpose of this minute is to:

(a) Summarise the views expressed by conference participants on the matters of panel composition and the timeframe required for the expert panel to deliver its decision; and
(b) Confirm my decisions on those two matters.

[3] In advance of the conference, I received written memoranda from the Applicant and Auckland Council.

[4] The Applicant and the Council both agreed on the level of engagement that has occurred to date and the primary issues that arise. The Applicant noted that they intend to update the application documentation by 30 October to address a number of matters that have been discussed.

[5] The key matters discussed at the conference were the timing of the decision and the commencement date for the Panel.

[6] I record my thanks to all conference participants for their attendance and thoughtful participation.

[7] I am appointing the following persons to the Expert Panel to determine the substantive application lodged for the Milldale North project:

(a) David Hill (chair)
(b) David Mead
(c) Alan Pattle.

[8] I am satisfied that, collectively, the Expert Panel will hold appropriate expertise and experience in relation to legal matters associated with fast-track applications, planning and civil engineering. I also confirm that as experienced environmental decision-makers, the Expert Panel collectively have an understanding of te o Māori and Māori development.

[9] The date on which the Expert Panel will commence work is 5 November 2026.

[10] I consider that a timeframe of 70 working days following the receipt of invited comments is appropriate. This means the decision documents will be due on 20 April 2027 subject to processing of the application being suspended for any of the reasons outlined in section 60 of the Act. The date specified for inviting comments under section 53 of the Act will be 19 November 2026 with comments being due on 17 December 2026 and the Applicant's response to comments being due on 14 January 2027.

[11] In terms of next steps, the participants will be contacted by the Expert Panel after their appointment date.



Helen Atkins

Panel Convener for the purpose of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024