
**MINUTE 7 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Acceptance of late comments**

**State Highway 1 North Canterbury – Woodend Bypass Project (Belfast
to Pegasus) Substantive Application**

[FTAA-2512-1157]

15 May 2026

[1] On 1 April 2026, the Panel invited comments on the substantive application from persons listed in sections 53(2) (a) to (n) of the Act. These persons were given until 4 May 2026 to provide their response.

[2] Since the closing of comments, late comments came in from the landowners of 230 Lees Road (Lot 1 DP 64502) and the landowners of 160 Woodend Beach road (Lot 3 DP 3631). Under s 81(6) of the Act, the Panel may (but is not required to) consider comments filed after the applicable timeframe at its discretion.

[3] The Panel has opted to consider the late comments from these landowners.

[4] The Panel has decided to exercise its discretion to receive and consider the late comments, while acknowledging that they raise issues traversed by other commentators.

[5] The Panel now invites the Applicant to respond to the neighbouring

landowners' comments no later than 15 May 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob van Voorthuysen'. The signature is stylized with a prominent vertical stroke on the left and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rob van Voorthuysen

Woodend Bypass Project Panel Chair