
MINUTE 14 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Continuation of Suspension

North West Rapid FTAA-2511-1146

22 June 2026

[1] By memorandum dated 8 June 2026, and in accordance with section 64(1) of the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act), the Applicant had made a written request to the Panel that the processing of the substantive application be suspended for 10 working days.

[2] This suspension was confirmed by the Panel via Minute 11 (dated 9 June 2026).

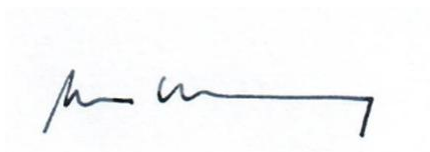
[3] In a subsequent Memorandum of Counsel dated 19 June 2026, the Applicant requested that processing of the substantive application remain suspended indefinitely to allow further discussions with Auckland Council prior to submitting its response to the Council's section 53 comments.

[4] The memorandum also stated that facilitated discussions between the Applicant and Council are scheduled for 23 June 2026 and 24 June 2026.

[5] The Panel has considered the memorandum from the Applicant and confirms the continuation of the suspension. Processing of the application, which was initially suspended until 12.01 am 23 June 2026, will now remain suspended indefinitely.

[6] The Panel further records that Counsel for the Applicant has reaffirmed the terms of suspension, as set out in paragraphs 6–9 of Minute 11.

[7] In that regard, the Panel would be assisted by the Applicant providing a progress update by 5.00 pm on 26 June 2026 regarding its consultation with the Council following the facilitated discussions. This will assist the Panel in its ongoing approach to its work.

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Lachlan Muldowney

North West Rapid Transit Expert Panel Chair