
MINUTE 20 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
North West Rapid Transit [FTAA-2511-1146]
4 September 2026

INTRODUCTION

[1] Contemporaneous with the release of this Minute 20 dated 4 September, the Expert Panel has released its final decision, including Designation Conditions, Consent Conditions and Archaeological Authority Conditions.

[2] This minute is issued in reliance on our general power under Clause 10 of Schedule 3 to the FTAA to regulate our own procedure as we consider appropriate, without procedural formality, and in a manner that best promotes the just and timely determination of the approvals sought in a substantive application. To the extent necessary, we also rely on our powers under s 89 of the FTAA.

[3] There are three minor administrative matters which the Panel requires the Applicant to attend to.

DESIGNATION ‘SCHEDULE A’ UPDATE

[4] New ‘Schedule A -Project Boundary for the Northwest Rapid Transit Project’ does not yet contain the individual designation reference numbers.

We direct the Applicant to update Schedule A with the relevant designation reference numbers within 7 days of the date of this Minute.

SEPARATE DESIGNATIONS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AUTHORITIES

[5] The Designation Conditions have been issued in a consolidated format, in keeping with the format adopted by the Applicant in the draft proposed conditions included within the substantive application lodged. That same consolidated format was used when the draft conditions were released for comment under s 80 of the FTAA.

[6] That consolidated set of Designation Conditions now needs to be separated out into each discrete Designation. This was a matter raised by the Council in its comments on the conditions, as it was a necessary step in the Council's administrative task of incorporating the designations into the AUP.

[7] Similarly, the West and East Archaeological Authorities each refer to four separate areas, made up of multiple parcels as listed in Schedule A to the Archaeological Authorities. These too require separation.

[8] We direct the Applicant to complete the administrative task of:

- (a) separating out the consolidated set of Designation Conditions into each discrete Designation, under consultation with the Council, within 7 days of the date of this minute; and
- (b) separating out the consolidated set of Archaeological Authority Conditions into each discrete authority in accordance with the four separate areas as set out in Schedule A, within 7 days of the date of this minute.

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Lachlan Muldowney

North West Rapid Transit Expert Panel Chair