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## MINUTE OF THE PANEL CONVENER

Panel appointments and decision time frame  
Bledisloe North Wharf and Fergusson North Berth Extension [FTAA-2503-1028]

(9 May 2025)

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[1] The purpose of this minute is to confirm:

- (a) Appointment of panel members (FTAA, schedule 3).
- (b) The timing of the panel decision (FTAA, section 79).

[2] The following persons have been appointed to decide the substantive application lodged for Bledisloe North Wharf and Fergusson North Berth Extension:

- Dr Phil Mitchell (Chairperson)
- Bal Matheson
- Robert Scott

[3] The date for commencement of the panel is Monday, 19 May 2025. The decision timeframe is 40 working days from the date that invited comments on the application close.

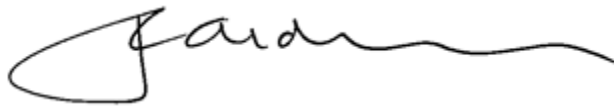
[4] When deciding the time frame applicable, I considered the default statutory period under section 79(1)(b), the application, and the advice received from participants at the Convener's Conference.<sup>1</sup> The default period under s 79 is

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<sup>1</sup> Held Monday 28 April 2025.

insufficient time given:

- (a) This is one of the first panels to be set up under the Act;
- (b) Preparation of the decision will require careful application of a new statutory decision making test (including weightings in respect of various approvals);
- (c) Comments on, and consequential refinement of, draft conditions may require additional time.

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Jennifer Caldwell

Associate panel convener for the purpose of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024