
MINUTE 1 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Project overview conference and site visit
Rangitooopuni [FTAA-2504-1055]

(6 August 2025)

[1] The purpose of this Minute is to confirm the time and the details for a project overview briefing conference from the Applicant and an Expert Panel site visit.

[2] The briefing will be held on 13 August 2025 in person commencing at 9am at Avant Group, Level 2, 7 Falcon Street, Parnell, Auckland.

[3] A site visit will then occur subsequently, commencing at 12.30pm.

[4] The purpose of the conference is to familiarise the Expert Panel with:

- (a) the content of the application for approvals;
- (b) the content and structure of proposed conditions;¹
- (c) the key points of evidence (technical reports, assessments and other information) provided in support of the application;
- (d) relevant legal tests and legal issues in contention; and
- (e) other relevant matters.

[5] It is anticipated that the conference will be led by representatives of Te Kawerau ā Maki and Avant Property Development Limited (as the joint Applicant), along with legal counsel and agents from Campbell Brown Planning.

¹ Including management plans, adaptive management protocols drafting style

[6] During the conference:

- (a) the Applicant has an opportunity to present a high-level overview of the application;
- (b) the Expert Panel has an opportunity to ask any questions about the application noting that by the time of the briefing panel members will have familiarised themselves with the documents; and
- (c) the participants may raise any matters that they wish to bring to the panel's attention.

[7] The Expert Panel requests the following additional experts attend the conference and be ready to present a three-page summary of their reports identifying the key issues addressed:

- (a) Toby Mandeno – Maven (Engineering/ Infrastructure)
- (b) Rachel de Lambert – Boffa Miskell (Urban Design)
- (c) Peter Whiting – Boffa Miskell (Landscape Architect)
- (d) Leo Hills – Commute (Traffic)
- (e) Patrick O’Riordan – GWE (Wastewater)

[8] The participants should note that, while the Expert Panel will be familiar with the application documents, they will not have had an opportunity to consider matters in detail. There will be further opportunities in this process for that to occur.

[9] Further details in relation to the briefing session will be confirmed with the Applicant by Steph Bougen, Application Lead, who can be contacted at: info@fastrack.govt.nz.



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