

# Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

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## MINUTE #10 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Updated directions re landscape and recreation statement due dates  
Waitaha Hydro [FTAA-2505-1069]

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[1] The purpose of this **Minute #10** is to amend the timing for responses from the landscape and recreation witnesses.

[2] The Applicant requested a change to stagger the responses so that any DOC landscape or recreation response is filed prior to their landscape or recreation response.

[3] This issue was discussed at the end of the joint empanelment and the parties were asked to confirm their ability to meet amended dates, which they did.

[4] As a result, the due dates for the response statements in Minute #9 for landscape and applicant witnesses to matters raised in the peer review reports, the Applicant's 10 February 2026 response, and the Joint Empanelment are amended to the following:

- a) **By 5pm 19 February 2026:** DOC to file any response statements from its landscape and recreation experts.
- b) **By 5pm 23 February 2026:** Applicant to file any response statements from their landscape and recreation experts.



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