

MEMORANDUM – RESPONSE TO MINUTE 1 (SCHEDULE 1 AND 2) OF THE PANEL CONVENOR [KINGS QUARRY] [FTAA-2502-1018]

To: Helen Atkins, Panel Convenor

From: Warwick Pascoe, Principal Project Lead – Premium Unit, Planning & Resource Consents, Auckland Council
Emma Chandler, Consultant Planner, Acting on behalf of Planning & Resource Consents, Auckland Council

Subject: Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024 (**FTAA**) – FTAA-2502-1018 – Kings Quarry Fast-track Proposal – Response to the matters set out in Schedules 1 and 2 attached to the Minute issued by the Panel Convenor (14th July 2025)

Date: 21 July 2025

Schedule 1

1. Approvals The number and range of approvals sought.

Auckland Council response:

Overall Council Reference BUN60450001:

- LUC60450002 – Regional & District earthworks, vegetation removal, mineral extraction activities
- LUS60450006 – Streamworks
- DIS60450005 – Air discharge
- WAT60450003 – Groundwater diversion & dewatering
- WAT60450004 – Surface water diversion

Overall Activity Status of the application agreed as Non-Complying.

2. Complexity: The level of complexity will have a bearing on the appropriate frame for decision making.

Auckland Council response:

Based on the nature and type of the proposals, the issues of consideration and the preliminary further information and feedback shared with the applicant, we would categorise the application as having a moderate classification/level of complexity.

3. Issues: Issues identified by the applicant and other participants: (a) during consultation; and (b) any disputed fact or opinion, or legal issue, that is or is likely to be of consequence to the determination of the application.

Auckland Council response:

Engagement Post Substantive Lodgement

Following the acceptance of the application by the EPA, Council have, in good faith and in the interests of overall progress of the application, undertaken and provided the following to the applicant (in consultation with both the applicant and the EPA). The below was provided on the understood basis that it is the Panel's role and discretion to request further information (S67).

- Brief issued to relevant specialists and/or asset owners and/or elected officials relevant to the activity proposed and Auckland Council statutory role within the Act.
- Provision of preliminary feedback memos from the following specialists:
 - Planning (via email) – 03/07/25
 - Traffic Engineer – 08/07/25

- Landscape Architect – 03/07/25
 - Regional Earthworks – 02/07/25
 - Geotechnical Engineer – 02/07/25
 - Air Discharge – 02/07/25
 - Groundwater – 02/07/25
 - Freshwater Ecology – 02/07/25
 - Auckland Transport – 14/07/25
 - Development Engineer – due 25Jul25
 - Terrestrial Ecology – due 28Jul25
 - Noise & Vibration – 02/04/25
- Provision of 'Work in Progress' tracker identifying further information requests and preliminary feedback from specialists and asset owners on 23/07/25.

In terms of next steps, we would welcome feedback and discussion at the panel convenor session but our envisaged next steps would be to issue a final memorandum to the applicant and panel convenor setting out our consolidated preliminary feedback, key issues and further information requests.

Primary issues at this point helpful to signpost at the Convener Meeting include:

- Traffic and Transportation – including need for upgrades to Pebble Brook Road due to increases in heavy vehicle traffic, limitations of modelling (assumptions and extent) and visibility assessments, and effects on operation of the networks.

4. Panel Membership

Auckland Council response:

Council have responded to the Request for nomination from Auckland Council in relation to the Kings Quarry expert panel on the 30 June 2025. Auckland Council do not consider at this point there are factors that warrant the appointment of more than four panel members.

6. Procedural requirements and Participants Estimated Timeframe (Schedule 2)

Auckland Council response:

Council are very willing to engage directly with the panel and applicant to advance the progress of the application efficiently.

Council in the preliminary information requests and comments have raised a number of areas where provision and review of further information; alongside workshops and meetings are considered required and sensible on these matters.

Emma Chandler (consultant planner for Council) who has been recently engaged on the project following the resignation of the previous planner who was engaged in pre-lodgement consultation will be on leave (overseas) 30th August – 23rd September. Given Emma's involvement we would respectfully request consideration is given to this period of leave alongside the matters above in setting out the panel commencement date and the invitation to comment and ss53 and 54 comments deadline following from this.

Informed by the above please see Council proposed estimated dates for discussion in response to Schedule 2. Response limited to timeframes where Council input is logically understood as being sought.

Task	Working days	Date
Panel commencement	N/A	16/09/2025
Invite comment from relevant parties	10 W/D later	30/09/2025
Comments close (ss 53 & 54)	20 W/D later	29/10/2025
Comments close for applicants (s 55)	5 W/D later	Not for Council Comment

Any other procedural step and evaluation	XXX W/D (say)	N/A
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Draft Decision is to Approve		
Draft conditions to participants (s 70)	XXX W/D (say)	More Panel led timeframe
Participant comments on draft conditions (s70(2))	10 W/D later	Informed by Above.