
**MINUTE 9 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Request for further information**

**State Highway 1 North Canterbury – Woodend Bypass Project (Belfast
to Pegasus) Substantive Application**

[FTAA-2512-1157]

12 June 2026

[1] This minute details requests for further information from the Applicant and Canterbury Regional Council in relation to the climate change provisions in the stormwater and flood models for the Project

[2] The Panel understands that design rainfall events incorporated the RCP8.5 climate change scenario. Recently there has been research published that describes the RCP8.5 scenario as implausible, “...based on trends in the costs of renewables, the emergence of climate policy and recent emission trends”. (Van Vuuren, et al.: The Scenario Model Intercomparison Project for CMIP7 (ScenarioMIP-CMIP7), Geosci. Model Dev., 19, 2627–2656, <https://doi.org/10.5194/gmd-19-2627-2026>, 2026).

[3] The Panel, pursuant to section 67 of the FTAA, requests the following information from the Applicant and the Canterbury Regional Council:

- (a) The Panel requests further comment from both Applicant and CRC stormwater experts on whether alternative representative concentration pathways (RCP) scenarios should be considered

and why, and the likely effect of alternative scenarios on the flooding assessment. For clarity, the Panel is not anticipating re-running of flood models but rather a qualitative, written opinion on the expected effects.

[4] In accordance with section 67(2) of the Act the NZTA and CRC must:

- (a) Provide electronic copies of the information or report requested;
or
- (b) Advise the EPA, with reasons that you decline to provide the information or report requested.

[5] Please provide the further information to the EPA at info@fasttrack.govt.nz by 5pm 15 June 2026.

[6] If the information requested is not received, the Panel must proceed as if the request for further information has been declined.

[7] Please note, the information will be provided to the Panel, the applicant and every person who provided comments on the application. The information will also be made available on the Fast-track website.



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