
**MINUTE 10 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Draft Decision and Conditions**

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

[FTAA-2512-1157]

26 June 2026

[1] The purpose of this Minute is to inform parties of the draft decision and draft conditions and to direct the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to invite:

- (a) Comments on the draft conditions of consent from specified parties under section 70 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA); and
- (b) Comments on the draft decision and draft conditions from specified Ministers under section 72 of the FTAA

[2] The draft decision and conditions will be posted on the fast-track website and can be viewed here:

<https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/state-highway-1-north-canterbury-woodend-bypass-project-belfast-to-pegasus/draft-decision>

Section 70 of the Act

[3] Section 70 of the FTAA requires the Panel to direct the EPA to provide a copy of the draft conditions to the Applicant, everyone who provided

comments under s 53 and all relevant local authorities or statutory bodies. We direct accordingly.

[4] We must also specify the date by which comments on the draft conditions must be received by the EPA. We fix Friday 3 July 2026 as the date by which comments must be received by the EPA.

[5] The Panel requests that any party commenting on the draft conditions provides precise wording of any amendments sought to those conditions. This should be done using 'track changes' format. The Panel also requests that reasons are provided for the amendments sought, either by way of track changes 'comments' or in a separate tabulated document.

[6] Word Format copies of the draft conditions will be provided by the EPA upon request. Please contact: substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz.

[7] As detailed in clause 4 of s 70, the Applicant must file any response to the comments received within 5 working days of comments close. The Applicant's response to the comments received under s 70 is therefore due by Monday 13 July 2026.

[8] The Panel requests that the Applicant's s70(4) response clearly indicates whether the amendments sought in the section 70 comments of the commentators are accepted or rejected, with reasons.

[9] The Panel also requests the Applicant to provide and number (and update the relevant approval conditions to reflect that numbering) in PDF format combined and indexed attachments that would respectively reside in

Appendices D¹ and F² of the Panel's draft Decision.

Section 72 of the Act

[10] Under this section, the Panel must direct the EPA to invite comments from the Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti and the Minister for Māori Development on the draft decision, including any draft conditions. We direct accordingly.

[11] We allow the Ministers 10 working days to comment on the draft decision, including as to the assessments made by the panel in relation to relevant Treaty settlements and any draft conditions related to that assessment. Comments from the Ministers are therefore due on Monday 13 July 2026.



Rob Van Voorthuysen

Woodend Bypass Project Expert Panel Chair

¹ For example, the CRC Schedule 4_WC_WD Wetland Map.

² For example, the Designation Alteration Plans