



FTAA-2604-1213: Application received for referral of the project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 – amendment to 26-BRF-02110

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To	Action sought	Response by
Hon Chris Bishop Minister for Infrastructure	Agree to amend minor technical error in briefing 26-BRF-02110	20 August 2026

Contact for discussion (if required)

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Action for Minister's Office staff

Return the signed briefing to the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport - email: FTAreferrals@mfe.govt.nz

Purpose

1. Seek your authorisation to correct Recommendation h. of 26-BRF-02110 due to an incorrect statutory reference.

Key points

2. You have recently made decisions on referral of the Hokonui Wind Farm Project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) at 26-BRF-02110. Recommendation h. of that briefing (to which you agreed) was worded as:

"Agree to specify under section 27(3)(b)(i) of the Act the deadline for lodging the substantive application is two years from the date of the notice of decisions letter to the applicant."

3. In finalising the notice of decisions letter (which has not yet been sent), officials identified that



Recommendation h. of 26-BRF-02110 included a minor technical error which was an incorrect statutory reference.

4. As the applicant will be seeking to lodge a land exchange application ahead of its substantive application, you must specify a deadline lodging land exchange application under section 27(3)(c)(i) rather than a deadline for lodging a substantive application under section 27(3)(b)(i).
5. We therefore need your authorisation to amend Recommendation h. of 26-BRF-02110 to read:
“**Agree** to specify under section 27(3)(c)(i) of the Act, the deadline for lodging the land exchange application is two years from the date of the referral notice of decisions letter to the applicant. “
6. That amendment will be reflected in the notice of decisions letter.

Recommendations

7. We recommend you:
 - a. **agree** to amend Recommendation h. of 26-BRF-02110 to read: “Agree to specify under section 27(3)(c)(i) of the Act, the deadline for lodging the land exchange application is two years from the date of the referral notice of decisions letter to the applicant. “
Yes / No
 - b. **note** that the notice of decisions letter will reflect the amendment above.
Noted

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19 August 2026

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister for Infrastructure
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Comments