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## MINUTE 5 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Request for comments in accordance with sections 70 and 72 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Bledisloe North Wharf and Fergusson North Berth Extension  
[FTAA-2503-1028]

(1 August 2025)

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[1] This minute serves to invite comments on:

- (a) The draft conditions of consent from specified parties in accordance with section 70 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA); and
- (b) The draft decision and conditions from specified Ministers of the Crown in accordance with section 72 of the FTAA.

[2] The draft decision, including the draft conditions which are set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the draft decision, are included as Attachment 1 to this Minute.

### Section 70

[3] Comments on draft conditions are invited from the following parties in accordance with section 70 of the FTAA:

- (a) The Applicant - Port of Auckland Limited
- (b) Every person or group that provided comments under Section 53 of the FTAA.
- (c) The local authority or other body with statutory responsibility to enforce or monitor compliance with the conditions – Auckland Council and the Department of Conservation (DoC).

[4] Additionally, DoC has proposed two options for addressing the Little Penguin Management Plan in the Wildlife Permit conditions - one being to attach the final plan to the Wildlife Permit and include a condition requiring it be complied with, and the second being to require the final plan to be submitted at a later date and then certified.

[5] Because we favour the first option, and because DoC has confirmed that the latest draft Little Penguin Management Plan (dated May 2025) is accepted by them as being appropriate, the Panel requests that the Applicant provides that version of the plan as a final version as part of its response to the draft conditions.

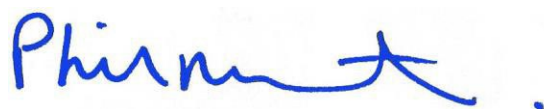
## **Section 72**

[6] Comments on both the draft decision and the draft conditions are also sought from the Minister of Māori Crown Relations and the Minister for Māori Development, in accordance with section 72 of the FTAA.

## **Directions**

[7] The Panel requires all comments to be provided by close of business Friday 15 August 2025, but notes that it would be assisted if comments were able to be provided earlier than this.

[8] Any response by the Applicant to comments, in accordance with section 70(4) of the FTAA, are to be provided no later than close of business on Friday 22 August 2025.



Phil Mitchell  
Chair

For and on behalf of the Expert Panel

## **ATTACHMENT 1**

Draft Decision and Draft Conditions