
MINUTE 18 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Expert witness conferencing – queries from Auckland Council

Delmore [FTAA-2502-1015]

(7 August 2025)

[1] The purpose of this Minute is to respond to queries set out in the Auckland Council's Fifth Memorandum dated 6 August. Specially the Memorandum asks:

- (a) Would the Panel find it beneficial for ecological experts to participate in the conferencing alongside planning and engineering experts, given the specific focus on ecological protection areas and bush covenant management; and
- (b) Does the Panel intend for the expert conferencing to address water supply infrastructure and related conditions or is the scope intentionally limited to wastewater management only?

[2] The Panel thanks the Council for these clarification questions and confirms as follows:

- (a) It would be beneficial for ecological experts to participate in the conferencing alongside planning and engineering experts, given the specific focus on ecological protection areas and bush covenant management. We reiterate that the purpose of the conference is to focus on the matters raised in Minute 17, but ecological expertise will be of assistance to the other participants in the conferencing; and
- (b) We also confirm that water supply infrastructure and related conditions are important matters for the expert conferencing to consider. We understand that the Applicant may be providing more information about this issue, and we have specifically requested that this be provided in writing. We therefore consider that this issue should also be addressed at conferencing including any

additional information that come to light before the conferencing occurs.

[3] We reiterate our direction in Minute 17 that purpose of the conferencing is broadly to answer the questions set out in that Minute and Mr Serjeant is authorised to prepare a specific agenda of questions, which the Panel will review and confirm. This agenda will be provided to the experts prior to the conferencing session. This agenda will therefore pick up these additional areas for conferencing.

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