

COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the Act)

Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements- Stage 1B1 resource consent applications and notices of requirement (the application)

M-4 Minute of the Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements Expert Consenting Panel – 30 September 2021

Comments received on the application

1. As outlined in Minute 1, the Panel must invite written comments on the application from the persons or groups listed in clause 17(4) and 17(5) of Schedule 6 of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020.
2. Comments on the application were to be received by the Environmental Protection Authority by Friday 24 September 2021.
3. On 27 September 2021, the EPA received a comment from Hon Andrew Little, Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations.
4. Clause 18(7) of Schedule 6 of the Act sets out that the Panel is not required to consider any comments received after the time specified in the invitation but may so as long as the Panel has not issued its decision.
5. In this case, the Panel has decided to exercise its discretion and consider the comment from the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations.
6. The EPA also received a copy from the occupier of 102 Karaka Road, Drury. This property was not identified by the Panel to be invited to comment on the application under clauses 17(4) and 17(5) of the Act. The EPA provided this comment to the Panel on 27 September 2021.
7. The Panel notes the Act is silent on whether any person not invited to comment can provide comments. The Panel notes that an invitation to comment was sent to Auckland Council as the owner of 10R Karaka Road and a letter addressed to the occupier of that address, based on landowner information provided by Auckland Council.
8. It appears that the invitation to comment was incorrectly delivered to 102 Karaka Road, Drury. The Panel has considered the location of 102 Karaka Road, Drury and determined that it is sufficiently distanced to have not been considered an adjacent land parcel.

9. On this basis the Panel will not consider the comment received from 102 Karaka Road, Drury, when considering the application.



Michael Savage
Chairperson
Papakura to Drury South State Highway 1 Improvements Expert Consenting Panel