

## **Expert panel appointed to consider fast-track** application for Stella Passage development

Port of Tauranga (NZX:POT) today advised that the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has appointed a panel to consider its application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 for the Stella Passage development.

The panel, which will commence on 1 September 2025, comprises Bronwyn Curruthers KC, Hugh Leersnyder and James Whetu.

The decision timeframe is 80 working days from the closure date for invited comments, which means a decision can be expected in late February 2026.

Further details can be found on the EPA's fast-track website: https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/stella-passage-development/

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