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Hi Ilana,

Here's the bios – just double-checking interest/availability:

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Hi Josh – just checking whether these names below had confirmed interest/availability? And if you had bios available for them?  
Thanks  
Ilana

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And in case you don't have our suggest possible names for the panel, please see below:

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Hi all,

Couple of comments on the paper generally. These are non-essential:

- It would be useful to tease out a bit more why there needs to be an exemption to the fees framework process? Is there a risk that the existing payment is insufficient to attract the required panel members? If so, might as well make that clear.
- If there is a concern about the ability of the members to get through the work required, this could be partially mitigated by having a larger secretariat to do the bulk of the processing.

- The role of officials and the Fast-track Projects Advisory Group could be teased out in more detail in the ToR, if needed. It's not clear what the issue is though or what decision is being sought from Ministers.

Otherwise we're comfortable with the approach.

**Josh Hercus**

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And can I suggest words to the effect of those suggested below?

I just want to suggest there are policy risks here, not just the admin burden for the Independent Project Panel and their secretariat.

1. Both of the above matters have significant implications for the amount of time and resources which will need to be allocated to the assessment process, especially given there are only 5 members proposed for the Fast-track Projects Advisory Group at this stage. Listing a large number of projects could also overload the expert panels that will consider listed projects post-enactment, slowing down their work, and perhaps not prioritising the most significant projects for panel assessment! We seek your direction on these matters.

I expect our Kanoa colleagues will have some comment too.

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Just a further note, please send to Francis as well when you send the sign out version – he will get it in front of Paul.

Thanks

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Hi Max

Well done – you've done a great job of incorporating the feedback.

This looks good – I've just added a few comments/tracked changes. I will note that the Exec Summary is quite long compared to the main body; but I suspect you may have run out of time to shorten it slightly?

We are also just running it past our Regional Development colleagues – Francis will confirm their comfort ASAP.

Many thanks

Susan