

*These notes refer to the Infrastructure Act 2015 (c.7)
which received Royal Assent on 12 February 2015*

INFRASTRUCTURE ACT 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 5 – Planning and Land

Nationally significant infrastructure projects

Section 27: Two-person Panels

134. *Section 27* amends the 2008 Act to enable the Secretary of State to appoint a two-person panel as the examining authority for an application for development consent for a nationally significant infrastructure project. The 2008 Act provides for the appointment of a single person, or a panel of three, four or five people. *Subsection (1)* amends section 65 of the 2008 Act and *subsections (2) to (4)* make three consequential amendments to that Act: section 68 is amended so that the appointment of additional panel members is only required if a panel is reduced to a single member (rather than reduced to two members); section 73 is amended to remove a current reference to a panel consisting of two members; and section 75 is amended to clarify the procedure for decision-making for two-person panels.