

BEFORE THE PANEL CONVENER

FTAA-2603-1186

UNDER the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (“**the FTAA**”)

IN THE MATTER of an application by **Ridgeburn Limited** for approvals under the FTAA for a referred project, Ridgeburn (“**Application**”)

STATEMENT OF JAMES KITCHEN REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

23 JUNE 2026

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1. My full name is James Kitchen. I am a Director at McKenzie & Co Consultants Limited, based in Auckland, New Zealand.

In my capacity as a Director of McKenzie & Co Limited, I authorised the following reports, which were lodged as part of the application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (“the FTAA”) by Ridgeburn Limited (“the Applicant”) for the Ridgeburn proposal (“the Application”) (together, “the Reports”):

- a) Engineering Infrastructure Report (Revision C, dated 25 February 2026), authored by Romeo Dela Cruz, reviewed by Scott Lamason and authorised by me.
 - b) Stormwater Mitigation Report (Revision A, dated 24 February 2026), authored by Haka Subagio, reviewed by Scott Lamason and authorised by me.
 - c) Environmental Management Plan (Revision D, dated 25 February 2026), authored by Mac Stevenson, reviewed by Scott Lamason and authorised by me.
 - d) Construction Methodology Plan (Revision C, dated 13 February 2026), authored by Mac Stevenson, reviewed by Scott Lamason and authorised by me.
2. The Reports were authored and reviewed by my colleagues named above and authorised by me, and were lodged as part of the Application on behalf of the Applicant. I am authorised to make this statement on behalf of the authors and reviewers named above, who have confirmed its accuracy to me.
 3. I have the following qualifications and experience relevant to the matters addressed in the Reports:
 - (a) BE (Hons) CEngNZ, CPEng

- (b) I have been involved in the design and delivery of multiple large land development projects of a similar size and nature over the last 15+ years.
- 4. The relevant qualifications and experience of the authors and reviewers of the Reports are set out in their respective statements.
- 5. While the Reports have not been prepared in the form of evidence to be presented at a hearing, I confirm that:
 - (a) I have read the Expert Witness Code of Conduct set out in the Environment Court's Practice Note 2023 and have complied with the requirements in the Code of Conduct in preparing the Reports.
 - (b) Except where the Reports state that reliance is placed on material provided by another person, the Reports are within the collective areas of expertise of the authors, reviewers and me.
 - (c) I have not omitted to consider material facts known to me that might alter or detract from the opinions expressed in the Reports.
- 6. I have no further observations to make.
- 7. While the Reports are subject to a standard disclaimer stating that the reports are not for use by persons other than the Applicant, I can confirm that the Reports can be relied upon by the Panel and participants for the purposes of considering the Application under the FTAA.

DATED this 23rd day of June, 2026



James Kitchen, Director, McKenzie & Co Consultants Limited