

Before the Fast-track Panel Convener

FTAA-2505-1055

Under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (**FTAA**)

And

In the Matter of an application for resource consents and a wildlife authority by Rangitooopuni Developments Limited Partnership – Rangitooopuni proposed countryside living subdivision and retirement village

Confirmation of Compliance with Code of Conduct and details of Qualifications and Experience

James Thurber on behalf of Rangitooopuni Developments Limited Partnership

Dated 27 August 2025

Introduction

1. My full name is James E. Thurber. I am a groundwater specialist holding the position of Principal Hydrogeologist with ENGEO, Incorporated. I hold the qualifications of a Bachelor of Science BSc (Geology, 1978) from California State University, Northridge, and a Master of Science MSc (Geology, 1982) from Colorado State University, United States.
2. I have 39 years of experience working in the field of hydrogeology and engineering geology. I have provided hydrogeologic assessments for numerous potable groundwater supply projects across California, United States, and New Zealand, including groundwater protection projects related to seawater intrusion, and groundwater replenishment projects using deep aquifer injection wells.
3. In support of this fast-track application by Rangitooopuni Developments Limited Partnership, I have reviewed the following material lodged in support of the application:
 - a. Report titled Groundwater Abstraction: Desktop Study, Forestry Road, Riverhead. Reference 20190.000.001_18 Rev.1 dated 01 May 2025 included as Appendix [Y] to the Rangitooopuni Assessment of Environmental Effects.

Code of Conduct

4. Although this is not a hearing before the Environment Court, I confirm that:
- a. I have read and am familiar with the Environment Court's Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses as specified in the Environment Court's Practice Note 2023 (Code); and
 - b. The reports referred to above reviewed by me:
 - i. Are within my area of expertise (except where I state that I rely upon the technical reports of other expert witnesses provided in support of the application);
 - ii. Have been prepared in accordance with the Code; and
 - iii. I have not omitted to consider any material facts known to me that might alter or detract from the opinions expressed.



James Thurber

27 August 2025