

**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**”)

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**STATEMENT OF ROMEO DELA CRUZ REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS AND  
EXPERIENCE**

24 JUNE 2026

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1. My full name is Romeo Dela Cruz. I am a Senior Engineer at McKenzie and Co Consultants Limited, based in Albany Office, Auckland, New Zealand.

Along with my colleagues Haka Subagio, Scott Lamason, James Kitchen, I prepared the Engineering Infrastructure Report dated June 2026 (“**the Report**”) regarding civil engineering infrastructure aspects of the application under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 (“**FTAA**”) by Ridgeburn Limited (“**the Applicant**”) for the Ridgeburn proposal (“**the Application**”). The Report was written by me, reviewed by Scott Lamason, and authorised by James Kitchen. It was lodged as part of the Application on behalf of the Applicant. I am authorised to make this statement on behalf of Haka Subagio, Scott Lamason, James Kitchen, who have confirmed its accuracy to me.

2. I have the following qualifications and experience relevant to the matters addressed in the Report:

- (a) I am a professional engineer with over 20 years of experience in the planning, design, construction, commissioning, and delivery of infrastructure projects. My experience spans water, wastewater, stormwater, civil infrastructure, and land development across New Zealand.

- (b) I have extensive experience in the design, consenting, and construction of civil engineering infrastructure for land development and subdivision projects similar in nature to the proposed development. Relevant projects include:

**Ormiston Rise Residential Development** – 125 Murphys Road, Flat Bush, Auckland;

**Precise FTD Residential Development** – 132–140 Fred Taylor Drive, Auckland;

**Mangawhai Central Mixed-Use Development** – 83 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai;

**Golding Meadow Development** – 158–162 Golding Road, Pukekohe;  
and

**Mount Hope Development** – 240–242 Station Road and 27 Yates  
Road, Pukekohe.

3. While the Report has not been prepared in the form of evidence to be presented at a hearing, I confirm that, subject to the caveat set out in paragraph 5 below:
  - (a) We 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 Report.
  - (b) Except where we state that we are relying on material provided by another person, the Report is within our collective areas of expertise.
  - (c) We have not omitted to consider material facts known to us that might alter or detract from the opinions expressed in this evidence.
  
4. I make the following observations with reference to the requirements of the Code of Conduct regarding the scope of the Report, the analysis and assessment undertaken by me, and the content of the Report:
  - (a) The Report was prepared for the purpose of assessing the civil engineering infrastructure aspects of the Application, including transportation, water supply, wastewater, stormwater, earthworks, and related infrastructure servicing matters relevant to the proposed development.
  - (b) In preparing the Report, I reviewed the information provided by the Applicant and its technical advisers, relevant planning and engineering documentation, available site information, applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, and relevant engineering standards and guidelines.
  - (c) The opinions and conclusions expressed in the Report are based on my professional engineering judgment, experience, and assessment of the information available at the time the Report was prepared. The

opinions expressed in the Report represent my genuine professional opinion and are based on the information available to me at the time the Report was prepared.

- (d) Where assumptions have been made or information provided by others has been relied upon, those assumptions and sources are identified in the Report. To the best of my knowledge, such information was reasonably relied upon for the purposes of undertaking the assessment.
  - (e) The Report identifies the engineering infrastructure requirements, constraints, and mitigation measures relevant to the Application and assesses whether the proposed development can be appropriately serviced and managed from a civil engineering infrastructure perspective.
5. While the Report is subject to a standard disclaimer stating that the report is not for use by persons other than the Applicant, I can confirm that the Report can be relied upon by the Panel and participants for the purposes of considering the Application under the FTAA.

**DATED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026

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**Romeo Dela Cruz**