

**BEFORE THE WAIHI NORTH PROJECT [FTAA-2504-1046] EXPERT
PANEL**

In the matter of The Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

And approvals sought under the Resource Management Act 1991, Crown Minerals Act 1991, Conservation Act 1987, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014, Wildlife Act 1953 and the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983.

**Addendum Decision As to and Record of Minor Amendments made under
Section 89 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024**

Date of Decision: 5 February 2026

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Expert Panel:

Sir William Young KNZM KC (Chair)

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Requests for corrections

[1] Section 89(1) of the Fast Track Approvals Act provides:

89 Minor corrections

(1) A panel may, within 20 working days after issuing a decision document under section 88(1), issue an amendment to the document to correct minor omissions, errors, or other defects in it.

[2] The Panel has received two requests for corrections. The first was submitted by Oceana Gold (New Zealand) Limited (OGNZL) on 26 January 2026 and the second by Forest and Bird on 4 February 2026.

[3] These requests address “omissions, errors and other defects” in:

- Appendix B1 (Combined HDC and WRC Conditions);
- Appendix B2 (HDC Conditions);
- Appendix B3 (TCDC Conditions);
- Appendix B4 (WRC Conditions);
- Appendix C (Wharekirauponga Access Arrangement);
- Appendix E (Northern Area Access Arrangement); and
- Appendix I: (Freshwater Fisheries Approval).

[4] In the course of reviewing the particular conditions that were the subject of requests, we picked up other minor errors.

Corrections we have made

[5] Now uploaded to the website are corrected Appendices B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E and I in both tracked and clear form.¹ These replace the corresponding appendices that formed part of our substantive decision of 18 December 2025.

[6] Many of the corrections are trivial (for instance, cross-referencing, the insertion of full stops at the end of sentences, corrections to spaces between words, removal of stray brackets and insertion of missing brackets, capitalisation of words, and the removal of highlighting that was used to indicate amendments in the Panel's draft conditions). Corrections of any moment are briefly explained in the tables of corrections and explanations that comprise the schedule to this decision.

The reasons for the corrections

[7] As will be apparent, we have generally made the corrections proposed by OGNZL. With one exception, they were supported by the Department of Conservation (DOC), Hauraki District Council and Waikato Regional Council.² That exception involves the wording of a condition as to timing that appears as C5(k) in the Combined HDC and WRC Conditions, Condition 2.9(7) in the second schedule of the Wharekirauponga Access Arrangement and Condition 4(6) of schedule 3 of the Northern Area Concession. The timing has been changed, although not to the extent sought by OGNZL. As noted in the tables of corrections and explanations, the change ties into the advice note to Condition C4B of the Combined HDC and WRC Conditions.

[8] Three of the four changes requested by Forest and Bird (to C31 in the Combined HDC and WRC Conditions, Condition 171.C.i of the HDC Conditions and Condition UG.21c of the WRC Conditions) have been made. Two of these had been independently requested by OGNZL. The fourth request related to a condition which was correctly set out in the Word version of

¹ The 'author' of the amendments in the tracked versions is not generally shown as a Panel member. This is because we have worked off the amended documents provided by OGNZL on 30 January 2026.

² If the Thames-Coromandel District Council was consulted in relation to the proposed corrections, this is not apparent from the material we have been provided with. However, the amendments proposed to Appendix B3 are inconsequential from its point of view or obvious.

Appendix B4 in our 18 December 2025 decision but had not been correctly reproduced in the PDF version. This will be resolved in the PDF of the corrected Appendix B4.

[9] We are satisfied that the corrections made are within the scope of s 89. They do not materially alter the effect of the substantive decision as to implementation of the Waihi North Project or how its various effects on the environment must be managed. Nor do they adversely affect the rights of any members of the public.



Sir William Young KNZM KC (Chair)

On behalf of the Expert Panel

5 February 2026

Schedule – Tables of corrections and explanations

Appendix B1: Combined HDC and WRC Conditions

Condition	Decision on amendment sought	Reason
C1.g	Approved	Cross-reference amended to align with HDC condition numbering.
C5.k	Approved in part	The working day timeframe is amended to 30 days because DOC and the councils have 30 working days to consider and certify any report or management plan (as set out in the advice notes to condition C4B).
C5.n	Approved	Vegetation clearance associated with drilling and investigation sites has already occurred and will be ongoing as additional drilling sites are identified. There is no reason why further vegetation clearance should be delayed for two years after the relevant management plans (which must include the relevant baseline frog monitoring data) are provided. The Panel's original two-year timeframe arose from a misunderstanding of DOC's s53 comments on the Panel's draft conditions.
C5AAA	Approved	Typographical error.
C5AA	Approved	Clarification of cross-reference.
C14A	Approved	Clarification of cross-reference.
C31	Approved	Reinstatement of words omitted in error.
C42	Approved	Typographical error.
C46	Approved	Formatting error.
C47B	Approved	Typographical error.
C49	Approved	Typographical error.
C51	Approved	Formatting error.
C53	Approved	Clarification that condition text is deliberately blank.
C57	Approved in part	Alternative amendment made by the Panel that is clearer than that sought by OGNZL.
C69.e	Approved	Typographical error.
C76	Approved	Insert word 'must'.
C76.a	Approved	Cross-referencing error.
C82	Approved	Cross-referencing error.

Appendix B2: HDC Conditions

Condition	Decision on amendment sought	Reason
1	Approved	Typographical errors.
6.1.g	Approved	Typographical error.
8.a	Approved	Formatting error.
16.2	Approved	Condition deleted because OGNZL now owns both 111 Willows Road and 122 Willows Road.
23A.2	Approved	Condition deleted because OGNZL now owns both 111 Willows Road and 122 Willows Road.
25.2	Approved	Cross-referencing error.
25A.4	Approved	Numbering error.
28.c	Approved	Cross-referencing error.
30.2.a	Approved	Cross-referencing error.
30.3	Approved	Cross-referencing clarification.

Condition	Decision on amendment sought	Reason
31	Approved	Clarification of intent.
32	Approved	Cross-referencing clarification.
33.2	Approved	Cross-referencing clarification.
37	Approved	Typographical error.
42	Approved	Grammatical clarifications and cross-reference clarification.
43	Approved	Cross-referencing error.
44	Approved	Cross-referencing clarifications.
45	Approved	Cross-referencing errors.
47	Approved	Cross-referencing error.
51	Approved	Numbering error.
51B.2	Approved	Cross-referencing clarification.
55	Approved	Typographical errors.
61	Approved	Typographical error.
65	Approved	Cross-referencing error.
72.2.b	Approved	Cross-referencing error.
80	Approved	The land use consent does not have a 'term' and so is amended to refer to works involving the utilisation of Baxter Road.
89A	Approved	Cross-referencing error.
96.e	Approved	Grammatical clarification.
98	Approved	Cross-referencing clarification.
100 & 101	Approved	Formatting errors.
109	Approved	Cross-referencing error.
Advice Note	Approved	Cross-referencing clarification.
111	Approved	Amended to align with the Panel's decision to require two Native Fauna Release Areas within the WAPMA.
112	Approved	Grammatical clarification.
113	Declined	The Panel prefers its wording of "Up to four vent shafts / pump tests sites".
115		Amended to 30 working days to align with Wharekirauponga AA Condition 2.9(7).
115.d	Approved	Cross-referencing clarification.
116 & 117	Approved	Clarification that condition text is deliberately blank.
119	Approved	Grammatical error.
122, 124, 125, 132, 155, 157, 158	Declined	Unnecessary grammatical amendments sought (replacing 'less' with 'fewer').
123	Approved	Grammatical clarification.
124	Approved	Formatting error (with regard to X vs x).
126C	Approved	Cross-referencing error.
127	Approved	Cross-referencing error.
136	Approved	Amended to achieve consistency with TCDC conditions 146 and 165.
150	Approved	Grammatical errors.
158	Approved	Amended to refer to GPS accuracy of 2.0m not 20.0m.
162	Approved	Formatting error.
167.2 & 171C.c.ii	Approved	Amended to refer to both the 2km buffer area within which 1080 will be applied by aerial application in addition to the 632ha area and the 1km buffer area within which ungulate control will be undertaken as shown in Attachment 7 to the HDC conditions and as described in section 9 of the draft WAPMP.

Condition	Decision on amendment sought	Reason
		The words 'ground control' are deleted from condition 171C.c(ii) because aerial 1080 will be applied within the 632ha pest management area.
170	Approved	Cross-referencing error.
171A	Approved	Cross-referencing error and typographical error.
171C.c	Approved	Insert reference to 1km buffer area in which ungulate control will occur.
171C.i	Approved	Cross-referencing error.
176	Approved	Cross-referencing error.
177.4	Approved	Cross-referencing error.
178.2.d	Approved	In light of amendments to 167.2 and 171C.c.ii, insert a reference to summaries of hunting statistics including demographics, hours hunted, and areas covered for ungulates.
179	Approved	Clarification of intent.
181.3	Approved	Formatting clarification.
182	Approved	Unnecessary wording.
185	Approved	Clarification of intent and spelling error.
188 & 189	Approved	Cross-referencing clarification.
190	Approved	Grammatical error.
Advice Note	Approved	Cross-referencing clarification.
196	Approved	Condition intent clarified.
198 & 203	Declined	Condition numbering retained.
200.2	Approved	Condition intent clarified.
200.4	Approved	Cross-referencing clarification and numbering correction.
210	Approved	Grammatical clarification.

Appendix B3: TCDC Conditions

Condition	Decision on amendment sought	Reason
11, 14, 18, 34	Approved	Amendment to show condition is deliberately blank.
30	Approved	Amended to be consistent with HDC Condition 133. Typographical error.
44	Approved	Formatting error.

Appendix B4: WRC Conditions

Condition	Decision on amendment sought	Reason
G10	Approved	Typographical error.
G13	Approved	Grammatical clarification.
G18	Approved	Deletion of specific monitoring location references as the standards apply throughout the Ohinemuri River and its tributaries. Addition of selenium and correction of lead standard as agreed between WRC and ONGZL.
G22	Declined	Wording instead amended to align with HDC Condition 196.
G30	Approved	Grammatical clarification.
UG.3.b	Approved	Cross-referencing error.
UG.5	Approved	Grammatical clarification.

Condition	Decision on amendment sought	Reason
UG.10.3	Approved	Cross-referencing error.
UG.11	Approved	Cross-referencing error.
UG.12	Approved	Cross-referencing clarification.
UG.14	Approved	Grammatical error.
UG.19.c	Approved	Spelling error.
UG.20	Approved	Grammatical error.
UG.21c	Approved	“More than minor reductions” replaced with “measurable reductions” to be consistent with UG.22b(ii).
UG.22.cb	Approved	Spelling error.
UG.24	Approved	Clarify condition text is deliberately blank.
UG.29	Approved	Grammatical and cross-referencing clarifications.
UG.31	Approved	Cross-referencing clarification.
UG.35	Approved	Typographical error.
UG.41	Approved in part	Panel amendment of wording.
SC2.F.13	Declined	Panel numbering retained.
SC2.F.15	Declined	Panel numbering retained.
SC2.F.25	Approved	Grammatical error.
SC2.F.27	Approved	Grammatical clarification.
SC2.K.3	Approved	Grammatical error.
SC5.G.15	Declined	Panel numbering retained.
SC5.G.27	Approved	Numbering corrected.
SC5.K.9.T1	Approved	Correct superscripts, amend CaCO^3 to CaCO_3 , and correct nickel constant.
SC5.K.10	Approved	Grammatical clarification and cross-referencing clarification.
Table SC5.K.12.4:	Approved	Amended to align with the parameters set out in Condition G18 – Table 1.
SC5.K.22	Approved	Grammatical error.
SC6.G.12	Approved	Grammatical error.
SC6.G.16	Declined	Panel numbering retained.
SC6.G.19	Declined	Panel numbering retained.
SC6.G.24	Approved	Grammatical error.
SC6.G.27	Approved	Grammatical error.
SC6.G.33	Approved	Clarify intent.
SC6.H.11	Declined	Panel numbering retained.
SC6.J.6	Approved	Cross-referencing clarification.
SC6.J.11	Approved	Cross-referencing clarification.
SC7.H.17	Declined	Panel numbering retained.
SC7.H.17.B	Approved	Cross-referencing clarification.
SC7.H.20	Declined	Panel numbering retained.
SC7.H.30	Approved	Spelling error.
SC7.H.32	Approved	Grammatical error.
SC7.H.34	Approved	Spelling error.
Throughout	Approved	Insert consent numbers provided by WRC.
Throughout	Approved	For all instances where conditions from Schedule One are referred to, the text “,Schedule One” is added for consistency and clarity.

Appendix C: Wharekirauponga Access Arrangement

Condition	Decision on amendment sought	Reason
Second Schedule		
2.9 cls 3 and 4	Approved	Vegetation clearance associated with drilling and investigation sites has already occurred and will be ongoing as additional drilling sites are identified. There is no reason why further vegetation clearance should be delayed for two years after the relevant management plans (which must include the relevant baseline frog monitoring data) are provided. The Panel's original two-year timeframe arose from a misunderstanding of DOC's s53 comments of draft conditions.
2.9 cls 7	Declined	The working day timeframe is amended to 30 days because DOC and the councils have 30 working days to consider and certify any report or management plan (as set out in the advice notes to Combined HDC and WRC condition C4B).
2.35	Approved	Cross-referencing clarifications.
Throughout	Approved	Refer to Native Frog Salvage <u>and</u> Release Plan.

Appendix E: Northern Area Concession

Condition	Decision on amendment sought	Reason
Schedule 3		
3	Approved	Correctly refer to Concessionaire instead of Permit Holder.
4.6	Declined	The working day timeframe is amended to 30 days because DOC and the councils have 30 working days to consider and certify any report or management plan (as set out in the advice notes to Combined HDC and WRC condition C4B).
18	Approved	Spelling error.
Throughout	Approved	Refer to Native Frog Salvage <u>and</u> Release Plan.

Appendix I: Freshwater Fisheries Approval

Condition	Decision on amendment sought	Reason
FF2	Approved	Cross-referencing error.