

Takitimu North Link Stage 2 – Proposed Archaeological Authority Conditions (February 2026)

Authority details

Authority Number: [TBC]

Determination Date: [TBC]

Expiry Date: [20 years from the date of grant]

Authority Holder: NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi

Postal Address: [TBC]

Archaeological Sites: As identified in the attached Schedule 1

Location: As identified in the attached Schedule 1

Section 45 Approved Person: Dr Warren Gumbley

Landowner Consent: To be provided (except where the Crown is the landowner)

Determination

The FTAA Expert Consenting Panel grants an authorities pursuant to section 48 of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 in respect of the archaeological sites described above, within the areas specified in Schedule 1, to NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi for earthworks associated with the construction of a four-lane, median-divided highway, referred to as Takitimu North Link Project – Stage 2, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions of Authority

- AA1 The Authority Holder shall advise HNZPT, Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka of the date when archaeological works will begin at least two Working Days before archaeological works start.
- AA2 The Authority Holder shall advise HNZPT, Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka of the completion of archaeological works within five Working Days of completion.
- AA3 (a) The Authority Holder shall prepare an **Archaeological Management Plan (AMP)**. The purpose of the AMP is to outline procedures for day-to-day activities that may affect archaeological sites.
- (b) The AMP shall include:
- (i) Provision for access for Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka to undertake tikanga, subject to any requirements of site safety;

- (ii) Procedures for reporting items, artefacts, and / or other archaeological finds to Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka, and HNZPT;
 - (iii) A process for the Authority Holder to engage with Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka in preparation of the AMP, and, where practicable, any amendments to the AMP;
 - (iv) A summary of:
 1. Written feedback provided by Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka on the AMP through the engagement process required under AA3(b)(iii); and
 2. How feedback has been incorporated into the AMP and, if not, the reasons for that;
 - (v) Provision for Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka to undertake:
 3. A cultural induction with the Project Archaeologist, contractors' staff and subcontractors' staff prior to the start of Project Works; and
 4. A pre-investigation meeting with the Project Archaeologist prior to the start of Project Works.
 - (vi) Identified areas of known and potential archaeology within the land subject to the Authority, and management responses for those areas;
 - (vii) Requirements for archaeological investigations and / or testing;
 - (viii) Procedures following the discovery of possible archaeological material or Taonga;
 - (ix) Procedures to apply in the event that kōiwi (human remains) are encountered during Project Works, including:
 1. Details on where and when Project Works need to cease and can recommence;
 2. Notification requirements, including notification to HNZPT, New Zealand Police and Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka, as soon as practicable;
 3. Safety and security measures; and
 4. Subsequent steps to take place in relation to the management of the kōiwi, such as ceremonies and removal, in general accordance with the Guidelines for Kōiwi Tangata/Human Remains (AGS8 2014).
- (c) At least 20 Working Days before starting Project Works, the AMP shall be submitted to HNZPT for written approval that the AMP satisfies the requirements of AA3(b).
- (d) The approved AMP shall be implemented and complied with for the duration of the Archaeological Authority.
- (e) The Authority Holder may update the AMP by submitting the amended AMP in writing to HNZPT for written approval in accordance with AA3(b).
- (g) If the AMP (or amendment) required under these conditions has been submitted to HNZPT for written approval, and 20 Working Days has passed, and HNZPT has not provided written approval the AMP (or amendment), or advised that the AMP (or amendment) is not suitable to approve, the AMP will be deemed to have been approved and the Authority Holder may commence Project Works in accordance with the AMP (or amendment) as submitted.
- AA4 (a) The Authority Holder shall prepare an **Archaeological Research and Mitigation Strategy (Strategy)**.
- (b) The Strategy shall include:
- (i) The research objectives that archaeological investigations should address and the methodologies to be followed to achieve those objectives. The research objectives shall be informed by regional and national research themes, taking into account advice and knowledge of Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka;

- (ii) Provision for engagement and input by Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka to ensure research and mitigation measures take into account cultural values and are informed by tikanga;
 - (iii) A summary of written feedback provided by Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka on the Strategy through the engagement process required under AA4(b)(ii) and an outline of how feedback has been incorporated and, if not, the reasons for that.
 - (b) At least 20 Working Days before starting Project Works, the Strategy shall be submitted to HNZPT for written approval.
 - (c) The approved Strategy shall be implemented and complied with for the duration of the Archaeological Authority.
 - (d) The Authority Holder may update the Strategy by submitting the amended Strategy in writing to HNZPT for written approval.
- AA5 The Authority Holder must provide HNZPT with the consent of all landowners or holders of a specified registered interest in the land subject to this Authority prior to any archaeological works commencing on that land pursuant to this Authority. This requirement does not apply where the Crown is the landowner.
- AA6 The Authority Holder must direct all contractors working on the Project to be briefed on site by the Project Archaeologist, who may appoint a person to carry out the briefing on their behalf, prior to any Project Works commencing. The purpose of the briefing is to support subsequent compliance with the Authority conditions. The briefing must include:
- (a) The possibility of encountering archaeological evidence;
 - (b) How to identify possible archaeological sites during works;
 - (c) The archaeological works required by the conditions of this Authority; and
 - (d) Contractors' responsibilities with regard to discovering archaeological evidence (including stopping works and parties to notify).
- AA7 Archaeological work must be undertaken in conformity with any tikanga Māori protocols, including cultural inductions, agreed between the Authority Holder and Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka.
- AA8 Any earthworks that will or are likely to (in the view of the Project Archaeologist) affect an archaeological site must be monitored by the Project Archaeologist (or someone suitably qualified who they have appointed to carry out the work on their behalf).
- AA9 Any archaeological evidence encountered during the exercise of this Archaeological Authority must be investigated, recorded and analysed by the Project Archaeologist (or someone suitably qualified who they have appointed to carry out the work on their behalf) in accordance with accepted archaeological practice, the AMP and the Strategy.
- AA10 Within 20 Working Days of the completion of on-site archaeological work associated with this Authority, the Authority Holder shall ensure that:
- (a) An interim report following the Archaeological Report Guideline (AGS12 2023) is submitted to HNZPT for inclusion in the HNZPT Archaeological Reports Digital Library.
 - (b) Site records are updated or submitted to the NZAA Site Recording Scheme.
- AA11 The Authority Holder shall submit to HNZPT written updates on progress of the Project and archaeological results to date on a monthly basis from the date of commencement of archaeological works.

AA12 Within 24 months of the completion of the on-site archaeological work, the Authority Holder shall ensure that a final report, completed in accordance with the Archaeological Report Guideline (AGS12 2023), is emailed to HNZPT for inclusion in HNZPT's Archaeological Reports Digital Library, and to Pirirākau and Ngāti Taka. A copy must also be provided to the NZAA Central Filekeeper.

Advice note 1: *these conditions apply to all Archaeological Authorities held by the Authority Holder to implement the Project. For clarity, a separate AMP or Strategy under AA3 and AA4 does not need to be prepared for each Authority held. The Authority Holder may prepare one AMP and one Strategy, applying to some or all Authorities held for the Project, in order to comply with these conditions.*

Advice note 2: *the requirement in AA10 for provision of interim reports to HNZPT, and updates to site records need not be completed for each Authority individually. The Authority Holder may provide interim reports and site record updates for multiple 'grouped' Archaeological Authorities at the same time.*

SCHEDULE 1

[*legal descriptions*]

SCHEDULE 2

DEFINITIONS

The table below defines the acronyms and terms used in the Archaeological Authority conditions. Defined terms are capitalised.

Abbreviation/term	Meaning/definition
Authority Holder	New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi
Construction Works	Activities undertaken to construct the Project, excluding Enabling Works.
Designation	Designation D203 (Road purposes – State Highway 2) which includes an alteration to D203 extending its footprint over D181 (Road for access to State Highway 2) in the Western Bay of Plenty District Plan.
Enabling Works	Preparatory works and investigations to enable Construction Works, including the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeological investigations • Geotechnical investigations • Formation of access for site investigations • Establishing construction yards and offices • Constructing and sealing (if necessary) access roads and accesses to private properties and the Project • Contaminated land investigations • Demolition or removal works, including contaminated land clearance • Fencing • Vegetation protection or removal works • Investigation, protection and relocation of utilities • Establishment of mitigation measures (such as screen planting) for Enabling Works
HNZPT	Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga – [to insert relevant contact]
NZAA	New Zealand Archaeological Association
Project	The construction, operation and maintenance of Takitimu North Link Stage 2.
Project Archaeologist	The schedule 8 clause 7 Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 'approved person', being Dr Warren Gumbley; or any subsequent person as approved under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.
Project Works	All Enabling Works and Construction Works.

Abbreviation/term	Meaning/definition
Working Day	<p>A day of the week other than—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Saturday, a Sunday, Waitangi Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, the Sovereign's birthday, Te Rā Aro ki a Matariki/Matariki Observance Day, and Labour Day; and (b) if Waitangi Day or Anzac Day falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, the following Monday; and (c) a day in the period commencing on 20 December in any year and ending with 10 January in the following year.