MEMORANDUM OF RESPONSE BY WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL TO MINUTE 1 OF THE PANEL CONVENER

Green Steel [FTAA-2506-1074]

3 September 2025

- 1. Waikato District Council (WDC) is in receipt of Minute 1 from the Panel Convener for the Green Steel Fast Track Application
- 2. This memo addresses the relevant Schedule 1 and 2 matters outlined in Minute 1.

SCHEDULE 1

Approvals

3. The Applicant has correctly identified the overall activity status required under the Waikato District Plans.

Complexity

- 4. WDC considers that there is some complexity relating to the appointment of the panel that requires further consideration. This matter is addressed in the joint memorandum from Waikato District Council and Waikato Regional Council, in relation to Minute 3, dated 3 September 2025.
- 5. With exception of the matter referred to in paragraph 4. above, WDC does not consider that the application is particularly complex.

Issues

- 6. The issues arising from this application relevant to WDC relate to:
 - a. Proposed conditions of consent.
- 7. WDC and the Applicant are in discussions about the above matters.

Panel Membership

8. WDC considers that including an expert in planning and/or engineering would be beneficial.

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9. WDC has no comments on this matter.

Procedural Requirements

10. With exception of the matter referred to in paragraph 4. above, there are no other procedural matters that WDC is aware of.

SCHEDULE 2

Timeframe for comments

11. Given the current consultation with the Applicant, WDC is of the view that an extended timeframe for comments from the relevant parties does not appear to be necessary.

Timeframe for Decision Making

12. Given the current consultation with the Applicant, WDC is of the view that an extended timeframe for Decision Making does not appear to be necessary.

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