
MINUTE 19 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Applicant Response to RFI and Hui
Central and Southern Block Mining Project [FTAA-2512-1153]

(7 July 2026)

- [1] The purpose of this Minute is to address the Applicant's proposed responses to the Panel's Request for Information (RFI) and to the hui proceedings at Aaruka Marae on 8 June 2024, as set out in its memorandum of 3 July 2026.
- [2] The Panel issued the RFI to the Applicant on 29 June 2026 with a requested response date of 14 July 2026 (in line with section 67(3) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024). The Applicant has inquired (through the EPA) whether the Panel would be amenable to receiving this response on 17 July 2026. The Panel confirms that it will consider this information in its discretion under s 81(6)(b) of the Act if received by 17 July, noting that the information would still then be received prior to the Panel Facilitated Conference to be held on 22 and 23 July 2026.
- [3] In Minute 16 (dated 17 June 2026) the Panel invited the Applicant to respond to the hui proceedings. The presentations and associated visual presentations on the day were recorded and a transcript of the presentations prepared for review. The Applicant has confirmed (through the EPA) that it wishes to file a written response and deliver an online presentation in relation to the proceedings. The times suggested are acceptable to the Panel.
- [4] Accordingly, the Panel confirms that:
 - a) The Panel will consider the Applicant's response to Panel's RFI if received by Friday 17 July 2026;
 - b) TIL file its written response to the hui at Aaruka Marae on Wednesday 29 July 2026; and
 - c) TIL will give its presentation in response to the hui at Aaruka Marae at a time convenient for the Panel on Thursday 30 July 2026, via Teams.



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