

11 March 2026

Museum of Kawatiri
123 Palmerston Street
Westport 7825

To whom it may concern

MANAGEMENT OF NON-MĀORI (EUROPEAN/MINING) ARTEFACTS: MUSEUM OF KAWATIRI

Bathurst Resources Limited and its joint venture partner BT Mining Ltd (collectively referred to as Bathurst) are seeking approvals under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA) for the Buller Coal Plateaux Continuation Project (BPCP). The primary goal of the BPCP is to secure the necessary permissions to continue existing operations at the Stockton Mine and to open new mining areas across the Denniston and Stockton Plateaux. The BPCP will facilitate the extraction of approximately 20 million tonnes of coking coal for the international export market, over a 25-year timeframe, which includes a period dedicated to final closure and rehabilitation.

To support this application, a Heritage Effects Assessment and corresponding Management Plan that has been prepared by Clough and Associates has made recommendations regarding the recording, relocation and ongoing storage and management of non-Māori (European/Mining) Artefacts required by the FTA Approvals. The protocol is summarised in Attachment 1.

It is proposed that the Museum of Kawatiri will be a member of the stakeholder group of this protocol, and in certain situations, and when agreed by all stakeholders, be offered historical artifacts from the Denniston and Stockton Plateaux for ongoing storage and care.

Should the BPCP be approved and prior to the commencement of mining operations Bathurst will consult with all stakeholder (including the landowner, Friends of The Hill, Northern Buller Museum) to develop an Acquisition Policy which will set out the criteria and procedures for acquiring items.

With the above in mind, Bathurst is seeking in-principal agreement from the Museum of Kawatiri of the proposed protocol relating to the collection, management and storage of non-Māori (European/mining) artefacts required by the FTA approvals. In-principal support of the protocol can be shown by signing and returning Attachment 1 to this letter.

Please forward any correspondence to [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Should you
require any additional information, please contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
Group Manager Community

Attachment 1: Protocols relating to non-Māori/Māori A Approvals

Under the Protected Objects Act (POA) non-Māori artefacts recovered, conservation is not paid for by the Ministry for Culture and Heritage (MCH) and ownership is not regulated in an archaeological context. Therefore, a distinction has to be made between artefacts found at sites occupied by Māori and those found at sites occupied by others to satisfy the POA's requirements as to artefacts' treatment and disposal, while no such distinction is made under the HNZPT Act.

European/mining artefacts required by the FTA approvals will be recovered as part of the BPCP from both surface and underground workings. Some of these artefacts will be archaeological material (recovered from [redacted] site) and other artefacts recovered from a 20th Century context or without any context of location or age. The following protocols relating to non-Māori artefacts apply to both.

Some of these artefacts may require conservation work, and where artefacts are found in an archaeological context this is the responsibility of the Authority holder (Bathurst).

In the event that non-Māori artefacts required by the FTA approvals are found the following protocols are proposed:

1. Non-Māori artefacts (European / mining), required by the FTA approvals will be recorded in-situ (if possible), retrieved if safely possible, labelled and further recorded/analysed (if required) by the appropriate specialists as per Heritage New Zealand Archaeological Guidelines Series No. 7 – *Guidelines for the Finding of Artefacts*.
2. Initially any non-Māori artefacts collected will be temporarily stored at a secure location by Bathurst where they can be further analysed (if required) and considered for conservation in consultation with Bathurst, the landowner and the Northern Buller Museum Granity (items from Stockton), Friends of the Hill (items from Denniston) and Kawatiri Westport Museum (where appropriate).
3. The retention and custodianship of any non-Māori artefacts in temporary storage will then be considered on a regular basis in consultation with Bathurst, the landowner and the Northern Buller Museum Granity (items from Stockton), Friends of the Hill (items from Denniston) and Kawatiri Westport Museum (where appropriate).
4. The Bathurst Annual Monitoring Report will include an inventory of Non-Māori artefacts recorded, retrieved, analysed and conserved during the previous 12 months, and their current or final retention and custodianship.

I / we being authorised members of the Museum of Kawatiri provide our in-principal support of the protocol outlining the management, storage and care of non-Māori (European/Mining) Artefacts recovered as a result of BPCP mining activities.

Signed: [redacted]

Date:



11 March 2026

Friends of The Hill
Denniston Plateaux

To whom it may concern

MANAGEMENT OF NON-MĀORI (EUROPEAN/MINING) ARTEFACTS: FRIENDS OF THE HILL

Bathurst Resources Limited and its joint venture partner BT Mining Ltd (collectively referred to as Bathurst) are seeking approvals under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA) for the Buller Coal Plateaux Continuation Project (BPCP). The primary goal of the BPCP is to secure the necessary permissions to continue existing operations at the Stockton Mine and to open new mining areas across the Denniston and Stockton Plateaux. The BPCP will facilitate the extraction of approximately 20 million tonnes of coking coal for the international export market, over a 25-year timeframe, which includes a period dedicated to final closure and rehabilitation.

To support this application, a Heritage Effects Assessment and corresponding Management Plan that has been prepared by Clough and Associates has made recommendations regarding the recording, relocation and ongoing storage and management of non-Māori (European/Mining) Artefacts required by the FTA Approvals. The protocol is summarised in Attachment 1.

It is proposed that FoTH will be a member of the stakeholder group of this protocol, and in certain situations, and when agreed by all stakeholders, be offered historical artifacts from the Denniston Plateaux for ongoing storage and care.

Should the BPCP be approved and prior to the commencement of mining operations Bathurst will consult with FoTH to develop an Acquisition Policy which will set out the criteria and procedures for acquiring items for your collections.

With the above in mind, Bathurst is seeking in-principal agreement from the FoTH of the proposed protocol relating to the collection, management and storage of non-Māori (European/mining) artefacts required by the FTA approvals. In-principal support of the protocol can be shown by signing and returning Attachment 1 to this letter.

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require any additional information, please contact [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

Group Manager Community

Attachment 1: Protocols relating to non-Māori (European/Mining) Artefacts required by FTA Approvals

Under the Protected Objects Act (POA) non-Māori artefacts are not registered, conservation is not paid for by the Ministry for Culture and Heritage (MCH) and ownership is not regulated in an archaeological context. Therefore, a distinction has to be made between artefacts found at sites occupied by Māori and those found at sites occupied by others to satisfy the POA's requirements as to artefacts' treatment and disposal, while no such distinction is made under the HNZPT Act.

European/mining artefacts required by the FTA approvals will be recovered as part of the BPCP from both surface and underground workings. Some of these artefacts will be archaeological material (recovered from an archaeological site) and other artefacts recovered from a 20th Century context or without any context of location or age. The following protocols relating to non-Māori artefacts apply to both.

Some of these artefacts may require conservation work, and where artefacts are found in an archaeological context this is the responsibility of the Authority holder (Bathurst).

In the event that non-Māori artefacts required by the FTA approvals are found the following protocols are proposed:

1. Non-Māori artefacts (European / mining), required by the FTA approvals will be recorded in-situ (if possible), retrieved if safely possible, labelled and further recorded/analysed (if required) by the appropriate specialists as per Heritage New Zealand Archaeological Guidelines Series No. 7 – *Guidelines for the Finding of Artefacts*.
2. Initially any non-Māori artefacts collected will be temporarily stored at a secure location by Bathurst where they can be further analysed (if required) and considered for conservation in consultation with Bathurst, the landowner and the Northern Buller Museum (items from Stockton), Friends of the Hill (items from Denniston) and Kawatiri Westport Museum (where appropriate).
3. The retention and custodianship of any non-Māori artefacts in temporary storage will then be considered on a regular basis in consultation with Bathurst, the landowner and the Northern Buller Museum (items from Stockton), Friends of the Hill (items from Denniston) and Kawatiri Westport Museum (where appropriate).
4. The Bathurst Annual Monitoring Report will include an inventory of Non-Māori artefacts recorded, retrieved, analysed and conserved during the previous 12 months, and their current or final retention and custodianship.

I / we being authorized members of the Friends of The Hill Museum at Denniston provide our in-principal support of the protocol outlining the management, storage and care of non-Māori (European/Mining) Artefacts recovered as a result of BPCP mining activities.

Signed:

Date:

11 March 2026

Northern Buller Museum
54 Back Road
Granity 7823

To whom it may concern

MANAGEMENT OF NON-MĀORI (EUROPEAN/MINING) ARTEFACTS: NORTHERN BULLER MUSEUM

Bathurst Resources Limited and its joint venture partner BT Mining Ltd (collectively referred to as Bathurst) are seeking approvals under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA) for the Buller Coal Plateaux Continuation Project (BPCP). The primary goal of the BPCP is to secure the necessary permissions to continue existing operations at the Stockton Mine and to open new mining areas across the Denniston and Stockton Plateaux. The BPCP will facilitate the extraction of approximately 20 million tonnes of coking coal for the international export market, over a 25-year timeframe, which includes a period dedicated to final closure and rehabilitation.

To support this application, a Heritage Effects Assessment and corresponding Management Plan that has been prepared by Clough and Associates has made recommendations regarding the recording, relocation and ongoing storage and management of non-Māori (European/Mining) Artefacts required by the FTA Approvals. The protocol is summarised in Attachment 1.

It is proposed that Northern Buller Museum will be a member of the stakeholder group of this protocol, and in certain situations, and when agreed by all stakeholders, be offered historical artifacts from the Stockton Plateaux for ongoing storage and care.

Should the BPCP be approved and prior to the commencement of mining operations Bathurst will consult with Northern Buller Museum to develop an Acquisition Policy which will set out the criteria and procedures for acquiring items for your collections.

With the above in mind, Bathurst is seeking in-principal agreement from the Northern Buller Museum of the proposed protocol relating to the collection, management and storage of non-Māori (European/mining) artefacts required by the FTA approvals. In-principal support of the protocol can be shown by signing and returning Attachment 1 to this letter.

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Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
Group Manager Community

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Under the Protected Objects Act (POA) non-Māori artefacts are not registered, conservation is not paid for by the Ministry for Culture and Heritage (MCH) and ownership is not regulated in an archaeological context. Therefore, a distinction has to be made between artefacts found at sites occupied by Māori and those found at sites occupied by others to satisfy the POA's requirements as to artefacts' treatment and disposal, while no such distinction is made under the HNZPT Act.

European/mining artefacts required by the FTA approvals will be recovered as part of the BPCP from both surface and underground workings. Some of these artefacts will be archaeological material (recovered from an archaeological site) and other artefacts recovered from a 20th Century context or without any context of location or age. The following protocols relating to non-Māori artefacts apply to both.

Some of these artefacts may require conservation work, and where artefacts are found in an archaeological context this is the responsibility of the Authority holder (Bathurst).

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1. Non-Māori artefacts (European / mining), required by the FTA approvals will be recorded in-situ (if possible), retrieved if safely possible, labelled and further recorded/analysed (if required) by the appropriate specialists as per Heritage New Zealand Archaeological Guidelines Series No. 7 – *Guidelines for the Finding of Artefacts*.
2. Initially any non-Māori artefacts collected will be temporarily stored at a secure location by Bathurst where they can be further analysed (if required) and considered for conservation in consultation with Bathurst, the landowner and the Northern Buller Museum Granity (items from Stockton), Friends of the Hill (items from Denniston) and Kawatiri Westport Museum (where appropriate).
3. The retention and custodianship of any non-Māori artefacts in temporary storage will then be considered on a regular basis in consultation with Bathurst, the landowner and the Northern Buller Museum Granity (items from Stockton), Friends of the Hill (items from Denniston) and Kawatiri Westport Museum (where appropriate).
4. The Bathurst Annual Monitoring Report will include an inventory of Non-Māori artefacts recorded, retrieved, analysed and conserved during the previous 12 months, and their current or final retention and custodianship.

I / we being authorised members of the Northern Buller Museum, Granity provide our in-principal support of the protocol outlining the management, storage and care of non-Māori (European/Mining) Artefacts required by the FTA Approvals recovered as a result of BPCP mining activities.

Signed:

Date:

