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**RESPONSE BY THE WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL AND WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL TO MINUTE 1 OF THE PANEL CONVENER**

**Preparation for conference**

**[Green Steel] [FTAA-2506-1074]  
(3 September 2025)**

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[1] The Waikato Regional Council (WRC) is in receipt of Minute 1 from the Panel Convener for the Green Steel Fast Track process.

[2] This memo addresses the relevant Schedule 1 and 2 matters outlined within Minute 1.

**Schedule 1**

**Approvals**

[3] The Applicant has correctly assessed all of the relevant activities requiring consent from WRC.

**Complexity**

[4] WRC 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 the Councils dated 3 September 2025.

[5] With the exception of the matter referred to in para [4] WRC does not consider that the application is particularly complex.

**Issues**

[6] The issues from this application relevant to WRC relate to:

- Potential discharges to air;
- Design and operational elements associated with the monofil;
- The proposed source of water for the operation and in particular if the source is to be groundwater;
- Wetland identification and delineation within the site;
- The potential for acid sulphate soils; and
- Proposed conditions of consent.

[7] WRC and the Applicant are in discussions about the above matters.

### **Panel Membership**

- [8] WRC considers that the process would benefit from experts in planning and potentially environmental chemistry given the effects often associated with a monofil.

### **Tikanga**

- [9] WRC has no comment on this matter.

### **Procedural Requirements**

- [10] Other than the matter identified in para [4] there are no other procedural matters that WRC is aware of.

### **Schedule 2**

#### **Timeframe for comments**

- [11] Given the current consultation with the Applicant WRC is of the view that an extended timeframe for comments from relevant parties does not appear to be necessary

#### **Timeframe for Decision Making**

- [12] Given the current consultation with the Applicant WRC is of the view that an extended timeframe for Decision Making does not appear to be necessary



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