

**BEFORE THE PANEL CONVENER**

Application: FTAA-2512-1164

**IN THE MATTER** of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA)

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of an Application by Vineway Limited under section 42  
of the FTAA for the Delmore Project

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**MEMORANDUM OF HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA  
IN RESPONSE TO MINUTE OF THE PANEL CONVENER**

**2 March 2026**

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**HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND  
POUHERE TAONGA**

## **Introduction**

- 1 This memorandum is filed on behalf of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) in response to the Minute of the Panel Convener dated 25 February 2026 (Minute).
- 2 The Minute seeks input from participants to assist the Convener in making decisions regarding:
  - (a) The appointment of panel members; and
  - (b) The timing of the panel decision.
- 3 The Minute specifically directed a written response to the matters set out and any other matter they would like to raise for discussion at the conference.
- 4 This memorandum responds to this direction, and focuses on the archaeological authority (section 42(4)(i)) being sought.

## **Complexity**

- 5 HNZPT has reviewed the Archaeological Assessment (Assessment) provided in support of the authority application, dated December 2025.
- 6 The Assessment identifies two recorded archaeological sites within the proposed development, both are located outside of the proposed earthworks area and mitigation has been recommended to avoid disturbance to the known extent of these sites.
- 7 However, these sites indicate the potential for unrecorded subsurface remains that may be exposed because of the development. Based on the findings of the Assessment, complex archaeological sites are not expected to be encountered, and thus archaeological values are anticipated to be low to moderate.

- 8 Taking all of this into account, HNZPT considers the archaeological authority is of low complexity.

### **Issues**

- 9 At this stage HNZPT does not anticipate any issues with the application. In the event of any issue arising, HNZPT is confident that this could be addressed through direct engagement with the project archaeologist and the applicant.

- 10 HNZPT will prepare and discuss draft conditions that it will endeavour to provide to and discuss with the applicant directly.

### **Panel Membership**

- 11 In respect of heritage matters, HNZPT does not anticipate that specialist input is required. HNZPT does not consider in respect of its interests that there are any factors that warrant the appointment of more than four Panel members.

### **Procedural Requirements**

- 12 HNZPT appreciates the direct engagement that has occurred so far and confirms its willingness to continue these discussions in order to advance the application and assist the panel.

- 13 HNZPT does not have any comment in relation to the estimated timetable in Schedule 1.

- 14 HNZPT has begun preparing its s51 Report and anticipates this will be ready to submit later this month.

### **Other Matters**

- 15 HNZPT does not have any other matters that it wishes to raise regarding the archaeological authority application.

16 HNZPT will be attending the conference on 3 March 2026 and can answer any questions that may arise from this memorandum.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Russell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

**Mel Russell**

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