

Before the Fast-track Panel Convener

FTAA-2505-1055

Under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (**FTAA**)

And

In the Matter of an application for resource consents and a wildlife authority by Rangitootuni Developments Limited Partnership – Rangitootuni proposed countryside living subdivision and retirement village

Confirmation of Compliance with Code of Conduct and details of Qualifications and Experience

Edward Ashby on behalf of Rangitootuni Developments Limited Partnership

Dated 21 August 2025

Introduction

1. My full name is Edward Ashby. I am an anthropologist and CEO of Te Kawerau Iwi Tiaki Trust. I hold an MA in anthropology and a PGDip in forensic science from the University of Auckland, with a focus on cultural resource management and forensic archaeology.
2. I have 20 years' experience in anthropology and have held the role of CEO with Te Kawerau Iwi Tiaki Trust since 2021. My experience includes contract archaeology in Auckland and Tauranga from 2004-2010. In 2011 I worked for the Coronial Services specialising in supporting the missing persons coroner and developing forensic archaeological protocols with the coroners, MoJ, police, Heritage NZ, forensic pathologists, ESR, and bioanthropologists. In 2015 I held the role of archaeologist with Arup based in London where my work included heritage assessment for the High-Speed Rail 2 project and A1 Bypass in the Stonehenge World Heritage Site. In 2018 I held the role of senior specialist Māori heritage at Auckland Council where my work focused on mapping iwi heritage sites, developing Council's Māori heritage alert layer, and progressing plan changes for the Māori heritage schedule 12 in the AUP. In this role I provided expert evidence to council hearings. I have held various roles with Te Kawerau ā Maki since February 2013 including as environment and heritage manager and assisted the iwi in the final stages of the Treaty Settlement.
3. My work with Te Kawerau has involved many cultural impact assessments, consultation on masterplans, resource consents, and plan changes. I have provided expert evidence on behalf of Te Kawerau in council hearings and environment court proceedings. While I would not claim to be an expert in Te Kawerau tikanga I have extensive knowledge of Te Kawerau heritage sites, history, cultural values, and practice that has developed over 12 years through a combination of my training, work experience, research, and direct learning from kaumatua.

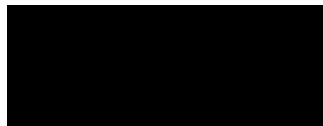
4. In support of this fast-track application by Rangitootuni Developments Limited Partnership, I have prepared the following material lodged in support of the application:

- a. Report titled Riverhead Forest Cultural Impact Assessment dated March 2025 included as an Appendix to the Rangitootuni Assessment of Environmental Effects.

Code of Conduct

5. Although this is not a hearing before the Environment Court, I confirm that:

- a. I have read and am familiar with the Environment Court's Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses as specified in the Environment Court's Practice Note 2023 (**Code**); and
- b. While acknowledging that I am an officer of Te Kawerau ā Maki, and therefore cannot be considered an independent expert witness, I have prepared my report as impartially as practicable; and
- c. The report referred to above authored by me:
 - i. Are within my area of expertise (except where I state that I rely upon the technical reports of other expert witnesses provided in support of the application);
 - ii. Have been prepared in accordance with the Code; and
 - iii. I have not omitted to consider any material facts known to me that might alter or detract from the opinions expressed.



Edward Ashby

21 August 2025