

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 Rangitooopuni Developments Limited Partnership – Rangitooopuni proposed countryside living subdivision and retirement village

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

Aaron Staples on behalf of Rangitooopuni Developments Limited Partnership

Dated 25 August 2025

Introduction

1. My full name is Aaron James Staples. I am a Senior Acoustic Engineer in the international acoustical consulting firm of Marshall Day Acoustics (MDA). I hold a Bachelor of Engineering degree with First Class Honours in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Canterbury. I have worked in the field of acoustics with MDA since 2010.
2. I have been involved in many environmental noise assessment projects around New Zealand, including a number of residential and retirement village developments.
3. In support of this fast-track application by Rangitooopuni Developments Limited Partnership, I have prepared the following material lodged in support of the application:
 - a. Appendix JJ: Construction Noise and Vibration Letter dated 13 March 2025
 - b. Appendix KK: Gun Club Noise Reverse Sensitivity Letter dated 2 May 2025.
 - c. Appendix KK.1: WWTP & WTP Noise Assessment Report dated 3 April 2025.

Code of Conduct

4. 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. The letters and 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.



Aaron Staples

25 August 2025