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Hon Kit Toogood
Expert Panel Chair

By email: substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz

Dear Hon Toogood,

Thank you for your invitation to comment on the substantive application for the Taranaki VTM Project [FTAA-2508-1048] under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024. You have invited me to comment in my capacity as Associate Minister of Transport.

This application is for all consents related to the seabed mining of vanadium-rich titanomagnetite off the southern coast of Taranaki. In their substantive application, Trans-Tasman Resources Limited has included a Maritime and Navigational Impacts report dated 2015. Due to the elapsed decade between the report's conclusions and now, I recommend the panel considers requesting that the applicant review these conclusions to ensure they remain current.

Overall, my view is that this aligns with the Government's priorities for economic development. I would like to take this opportunity to note my support for the Taranaki VTM Project to receive the substantive approvals it requires.

Yours sincerely,

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