

BEFORE THE PANEL CONVENER

Application: FTAA-2508-1095

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an Application by Contact Energy Limited under
section 42 of the FTAA for the Southland Wind Farm

**MEMORANDUM OF HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA
IN RESPONSE TO MINUTE 2 OF THE PANEL CONVENER**

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Introduction

- 1 This memorandum is filed on behalf of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) in response to the Minute of the Panel Convenor dated 3 October 2025 which directed parties to file a written response addressing matters in Schedule 1 and 2.

Schedule 1

Timeframes

- 2 HNZPT has no comment with respect to the timeframes for this matter and will abide by any timeframe set in relation to this matter.
- 3 On 3 October 2025, HNZPT was directed to prepare a Report pursuant to section 51 of the FTAA and this Report is underway. As such, HNZPT confirms that this Report will be provided within the 10 day period after the panel invites comments under section 53 of the FTAA.

Schedule 2

Approvals

- 4 There is one approval being sought that requires consideration and recommendation by HNZPT, being:

(a) an archaeological authority (section 42(4)(i)).

Complexity

- 5 HNZPT considers the assessment of matters relating to the archaeological authority application to be of low complexity.
- 6 HNZPT has not requested any additional information in order to be able to undertake its assessment and recommendation.

Issues

- 7 In respect of the application for an archaeological authority, HNZPT is not aware of any issues that have arisen during pre-lodgement or post-lodgement.

Panel Membership

- 8 Taking the above into consideration, HNZPT does not consider there to be any requirement for a person with archaeological knowledge to be a Panel member.
- 9 In respect of HNZPT's interests, it does not consider there is any requirement to appoint any additional Panel members, however recognises that there may be a requirement to do so in relation to other matters.

Other Matters

- 10 HNZPT does not have any additional information to include, but does invite the Applicant to contact it directly if it has any questions or concerns in relation to the application for archaeological authority.



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