
**TARANAKI VTM PROJECT
[FTAA-2504-1048]**

MINUTE 35 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Dr MacDiarmid's
supplementary evidence
(8 January 2026)

Receipt of Supplementary evidence

[1] On 3 December 2025, the Taranaki VTM Expert Panel received a memorandum of counsel together with supplementary evidence from Dr Alison MacDiarmid. This material provides clarification regarding the first sentence of the *Joint Statement of Expert Witnesses: Benthic Habitats and Species*, dated 17 November 2025.

[2] The Panel has reviewed this material and resolved to accept it.

[3] The Panel directs the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to publish the supplementary evidence on the Fast Track website.



Hon. Kit Toogood KC
Taranaki VTM Expert Panel chair