

4 February 2026

Waihi North Expert Panel
c/- Environmental Protection Authority



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BARRISTER

Re: Request for Minor Corrections – Waihi North Application (FTAA-2504-1046)

1. We act for the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society Inc which made comments on the above application. We write in relation to the Expert Panel's decision dated 18 December 2025, to request minor corrections under section 89 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.
2. We have identified the following errors in the conditions.
 - a. **Combined HDC and WRC conditions; Condition C31:** In the draft conditions this included an objective reading "*to provide long term (inter-generational) ecological benefits to the wider CFP area, over and above the management of mining effects.*" In the final conditions this reads "*to provide, over and above the management of mining effects; and*". It appears that the underlined wording in the draft conditions has been omitted from the final conditions. This should be reinstated.
 - b. **HDC Conditions; Condition 171C(i):** It is not clear if the condition cross referenced should be to the condition specifying the frog population increase (condition 168) or the triggers for additional pest control (condition 169). Currently there is a mismatch between the words of this condition and the condition cross referenced.
 - c. **WRC Conditions; Condition UG.14:** The advice note should be changed to English.
 - d. **WRC Conditions; Condition UG.21(c):** In condition UG.22b.iii the Panel had previously changed the reference to "more than minor reductions" to "measurable reductions." For consistency, the reference to "more than minor reductions" in UG.21c. should be changed to "measurable reductions."

We request that the Panel issue an amended decision incorporating these corrections.

Please acknowledge receipt of this request.

Yours sincerely

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