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## MINUTE OF THE PANEL CONVENER

### Request for Section 51 reports for Taranaki VTM Project [FTAA-2504-1048]

### Marine consents under the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012

(10 June 2025)

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[1] This application seeks a range of marine consents that would otherwise require approval under the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 (EEZ Act).

[2] This Minute directs the EPA to obtain advice and a report from the EEZ Act team within the EPA (the relevant administering agency in respect of marine consents) pursuant to section 51(1) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act).

### Specific directions to Environmental Protection Authority

[3] The EPA is to file a report advising:

- (a) how the weighting of matters set out in Schedule 10, Clause 6 of the Act is to be approached, having regard to relevant senior court decisions;
- (b) whether they disagree with or wish to expand upon the expert technical reports or assessments lodged in support of the marine consents sought;
- (c) their recommendation either to grant, subject to conditions, or decline the marine consents sought and the basis of such

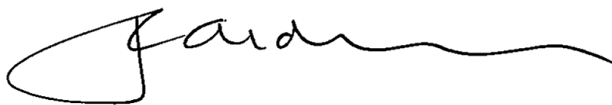
recommendation;

- (d) any proposed amendments they consider necessary to conditions proposed in the application in the event of a recommendation to grant the marine consents sought.

[4] For the purpose of clause 3(d) above, the EPA is to respond to the draft conditions, attached to the application and labelled Attachment 1: Proposed Restricted Activities and Consent Conditions, recommending track-changed amendments (if any).

[5] Any advice or report received will be provided by the EPA to persons listed in section 51(5).

[6] The report must be provided to the EPA within 10 working days after the panel set up to determine the application invites comments under section 53. The panel has yet to be appointed, but to assist the EPA to manage preparation of the report, I can indicate that the panel is likely to be ready to commence by mid July 2025.

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Jennifer Caldwell

Associate Panel Convener for the purpose of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024