

UNDER

the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024

IN THE MATTER

of a substantive application for marine
consents that would otherwise be
applied for under the Exclusive Economic
Zone and Continental Shelf
(Environmental Effects) Act 2012

BY

Trans-Tasman Resources Limited

**EVIDENCE OF ALAN JOHN EGGERS (CORPORATE) ON BEHALF OF
TRANS-TASMAN RESOURCES LIMITED IN RESPONSE TO COMMENTS
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INTRODUCTION

Qualifications and Experience

1. My name is Alan John Eggers.
2. I am a professional geologist with over 40 years of international experience in mineral exploration, metal mining, mine management and discovery of base metals, precious metals, iron ore, uranium and industrial minerals.
3. Although this statement is not expert evidence, in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses contained in the Environment Court's Practice Note dated 1 January 2023, I set out my relevant experience and qualifications.
4. I am the executive chairman of Trans-Tasman Resources Limited (**TTR**), a position I have held since 1 October 2014. Currently I am also an executive director of ASX listed Manuka Resources Limited, director of TTR Marine Limited, Mt Boppy Resources Pty Ltd and Ocean Technologies Limited, and managing director of Wesmin Corporate Pty Ltd.
5. Previously I have held the positions of:
 - (a) Founding director, chief executive officer and managing director for 20 years of ASX and NZX listed mining company Summit Resources Limited;
 - (b) Executive Chairman and chief executive officer of ASX listed Manhattan Corporation Limited;
 - (c) Director of ASX listed Zedex Minerals Limited; and
 - (d) Director of the Australian Uranium Association.
6. I hold a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc), Bachelor of Science with Honours (B.Sc 1st Class) and Master of Science (M.Sc) in economic geology, all from Victoria University of Wellington. I have also completed professional development courses in

mineral exploration, mine management and mineral economics at the Australian Mineral Foundation (AMF). I am a fellow of the Society of Economic Geologists (FSEG), a fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (FAuslMM), and a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists (MAIG).

7. In the interests of transparency I disclose that I maintain, with my associates as defined in the Australian Corporations Act (cth), shareholdings in TTR's parent entity Manuka Resources Limited.

Involvement in Project

8. I have been involved, and held an investment, in TTR's New Zealand iron sands project from its inception in 2008;
9. Since my appointment as Executive Chairman in 2014 I have held primary responsibility to manage and direct the strategic direction of the company and for the technical, corporate, financial activities and owners and compliance reporting of TTR, its staff, advisers and consultants. This includes direct involvement in, and oversight for TTR, of TTR's 2016 application for marine consents under the EEZ Act, all subsequent litigation from 2017 to 2021, the reconsideration process from 2021 to 2024, and TTR's current application under the Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024 (**Fast-track Act**).

Scope of Evidence

10. This evidence will cover proposed mining activities in the STB, the work done by TTR to date in seeking permits and consents for the proposed mineral recovery and export operation, outline of the mineral recovery proposal, permitting, investment, scale and scope of the operation, technology, alignment with government policy and objectives, alignment with the primary purposes of the EEZ Act and Fast-track Act, examples of the attempted engagement with tangata whenua, the regional and national benefits of the project and

key responses to address comments received by invited parties;

11. I have provided updated summaries of engagement and consultation with:

- Commercial Fisheries (Talley's) and Seafood New Zealand in Appendix 1;
- Offshore Wind Energy Stakeholders in Appendix 2: and
- Iwi Groups in Appendix 3.

These are all summarised in the tables provided with the responses to comments that have been provided to the Panel.

BACKGROUND TO TTR'S APPLICATION

12. TTR has held numerous prospecting, exploration, and now, mining permits granted by the Crown along the West Coast of the North Island since 2008.

13. TTR currently holds 635km² mineral exploration permit MEP54068 granted on 19 December 2012 and 243km² mineral mining permit MMP55581 granted on 2 May 2014.

14. TTR has made an investment of over \$88 million in mineral exploration, geophysical surveys, drilling, sample analysis, metallurgical test work, bulk sampling, mineral pilot plant processing, engineering studies, marine research, ROV video surveys of the seafloor, JORC mineral resource reports, pre-feasibility studies, concentrate marketing studies economic evaluation, discounted cash flow modelling and economic impact analyses and environmental approvals and court challenges.

15. Extensive consultation and stakeholder engagement has been undertaken since 2009 with a range of local and

regional authorities, ports, fisheries, oil and gas businesses, community and recreational groups and clubs as provided in our FTA application and my updated consultation statement provided to the FTAA Expert Panel, noting that after an encouraging start, meaningful engagement with tangata whenua has not been possible, as I will explain later.

16. TTR's current application is consistent with the MBIE Briefing for the Incoming Minister for Resources on 27 November 2023 (MBIE Briefing) where they stated vanadium occurs as a significant by-product, up to five percent, within the substantial iron sand deposits on and offshore the west coast of the north Island. It is a key component in redox flow batteries and high strength steel.
17. MBIE Briefing further states New Zealand's mineral potential extends into the marine area and these minerals could support clean technology and other supply chains. For example iron sand along the west coast of the North Island sitting in 20 to 50 metres of water could supply iron for steel making, vanadium for battery storage and titanium for clean energy technology.
18. The MBIE 2023 briefing paper estimates an 'in the ground' value of Taranaki iron sand at NZ\$100 billion and additional offshore iron sand deposits of up to NZ\$275 billion.
19. Iron and steel are essential for transport, communications, construction, building, industry, manufacturing and processing technologies, EV's, wind & solar, power transmission; critical minerals vanadium for steel, rebar & utility scale battery storage (VRFB); and titanium for aerospace, satellites, paints, paper, white goods, electronics, medical, building products.
20. The Earth Sciences NZ (formerly GNS) Report on Mineral Potential for New Zealand released 29 August 2024 identifies TTR's Taranaki VTM iron sand deposits, offshore in the STB, with

reported 3.2Bt JORC Indicated and Inferred Resources of vanadium and titanomagnetite that grade 10.2% Fe_2O_3 , 0.05% V_2O_5 and 1.0% TiO_2 as a resource that has potential to be developed.

21. At the proposed mining rate, over 20 years, 50Mt per annum of iron sand will be dredged from the seafloor, processed onboard a processing vessel where 5Mtpa (10%) VTM concentrate will be recovered by mechanical magnetitic separation and the residual iron sands (45Mtpa) will be returned to the seabed in a controlled manner from where it was previously harvested.
22. The VTM will be recovered from the seabed in waters from 20 to 50 metres deep via suction dredging utilising electrically driven seabed crawler technology developed and, for first 2 years, operated by, De Beers Marine (DBM) and Royal IHC technology partners. DBM and IHC have built and commissioned 8 similar seabed crawlers over the past 35 years and successfully used the technology to recover seabed sediments in similar depth waters off the southwest coast of South Africa and Namibia.
23. DBM will also undertake training of local TTR employees and contractors to operate, maintain and service the seabed crawlers.
24. Other features of TTR's proposed activity include:
 - (a) a small physical footprint with only 300m x 900m (0.27km²) area of disturbance at any time;
 - (b) Very low, <50% carbon emissions compared to other hard rock iron ore concentrates with no heavy machinery mining & haulage fleets, open pits or overburden stripping, waste or tailings dumps, haul roads, energy intensive crushing & grinding circuits, roads, railroads or ports required; and

(c) lowest carbon intensity 62kgCO₂/t versus 120-250kgCO₂/t for competitors iron ore concentrates world-wide.

25. No chemicals, reagents or toxins will be used in the recovery and mineral processing of the 5Mtpa VTM concentrates that will grade 57%Fe, 0.5%V₂O₅ & 8.4%TiO₂.
26. The 5Mt VTM concentrates exported will contain iron ore and 18,000t V₂O₅ (vanadium pentoxide) or 10,000t V (vanadium metal) at 77% metallurgical recovery and 325,000t TiO₂ (titanium dioxide).
27. 2024 global vanadium production (V) was:
 - China 39,200t;
 - Russia 11,760t;
 - South Africa 4,480t; and
 - Brazil 2,800t.

At TTR's proposed rate of production at 10,000t Vpa it would make the operation, and New Zealand, the world's third largest producer of this critical mineral and the western world's largest producer.

28. Taranaki VTM Project was listed in Schedule 2 to be considered for Fast Track consent as one of the 11 mining projects on 6 October 2024 by the Fast Track Projects Advisory Group.
29. On 31 January 2025 the Minister for Resources announced New Zealand's Critical Minerals List and vanadium and titanium are both included. These two critical minerals reported in TTR's mineral resource discovery are also included in USA, UK, EU, AUS, CAN and China's Critical Minerals Lists.
30. Also, on 31 January 2025 the Minister announced A Minerals Strategy for New Zealand to 2040. The strategy states growth

will be underpinned by scaling up our existing exports and by realising new mineral opportunities.

31. TTR's offshore iron sand deposits containing vanadium and titanium minerals used in iron and steel, super alloys, pigments, carbides' chemical catalysts and redox flow batteries are included in the Minerals Strategy and will make a major contribution to the Government's objective of doubling the value of NZ's mineral exports to \$3 billion by 2035.
32. The world class VTM resource discovered offers NZ the opportunity to be a long term iron ore exporter and lead producer of critical minerals internationally.
33. Consents are sought for 35 years in total to accommodate the pre-commencement marine monitoring, 20 years of mining activity and at least 5 years of post-mining activity monitoring to ensure TTR has complied with its consent conditions and rehabilitation and seabed ecology recovery is complete.
34. To prepare TTR's FTA Application TTR commissioned a large body of new work, building upon the work that went into its previous applications. This new work includes:
 - (a) a revised 2025 pre-feasibility study (PFS);
 - (b) new JORC mineral resource statement including vanadium & titanium;
 - (c) 2025 metallurgical report on critical mineral recoveries (V_2O_5 & TiO_2);
 - (d) 2025 NZIER economic impact assessment (EIA);
 - (e) ongoing consultation updated; and
 - (f) reconsideration of all prior assessments of effects, and updating those assessments where necessary in a new application, prepared in accordance with the

new legislation and taking into account relevant aspects of previous Court decisions.

35. TTR's application includes 109 proposed operating conditions that include Pre-commencement Environmental Monitoring Plan (PCEMP), Environmental Monitoring and Management Plan (EMMP), Seabird Effects Mitigation and Management Plan (SEMMP), Marine Mammal Management Plan (MMMP, Collision (Loss of Position) Contingency Management Plan (CCMP), Simultaneous Operations Plan (SIMOPS, Biosecurity Management Plan (BMP, Kaimoana Monitoring Programme (KMP) and a Post- extraction Monitoring Plan (PEMP).
36. As described by a range of leading environmental and resource management professionals, the project will have environmental effects that are not significant and able to be comprehensively managed by a range of conditions that are endorsed by those professionals.
37. Approval and development of TTR's Taranaki VTM project is an opportunity to develop new +\$1 billion export industry that propels NZ into top ranked producer critical minerals & green steel feed, uses proven seabed mineral recovery and mineral processing and concentrate shipping technologies, with experienced operators (De Beers Marine with over 35 years of seabed mining and seabed crawler operational experience in marine mineral recovery and environmental research and monitoring).
38. TTR has discovered and defined a world class resource with significant exploration upside that delivers low Q1 operating costs around US\$27/t and will be sustainable and internationally competitive.
39. The Taranaki VTM Project will deliver jobs and economic growth and be:

- One of NZ's largest export earners with >\$850m export income pa;
- Major employer of high value jobs in Taranaki and Whanganui regions;
- Delivers regional investment;
- 35 years plus marine research; and
- Strong government revenue streams.

MANA WHENUA ENGAGEMENT

40. It is to my deep regret that TTR has, despite our concerted and repeated efforts, failed to establish a meaningful and mutually beneficial relationship with Ngāti Ruanui, Ngā Rauru Kītahi, Ngāruahine, and other tangata whenua groups who have a relationship with the South Taranaki Bight.
41. I want to make it clear that TTR acknowledges and respects Ngāti Ruanui as mana whenua for the area and their role and obligations, and those of all the South Taranaki iwi, as kaitiaki over their rohe. To this end we would like to think there is a possibility of TTR being able to meaningful engage in the future with mana whenua, and all other South Taranaki iwi.
42. I do wish to set the record straight regarding the repeated assertions from iwi that we have failed to engage meaningfully and I provide one example, in some detail, that I trust shows that we have genuinely tried to engage, but have been rebuffed.
43. In 2013, as part of the preparation for our first application to the EPA, Ms Debbie Ngarewa-Packer as a representative of Ngāti Ruanui was approached to discuss the project and how a working relationship might be progressed. During those conversations Ms Ngarewa-Packer agreed that Ngāti Ruanui would provide a Cultural Impact Statement (CIS), for which commercial terms were discussed and agreed.

44. In that regard, between 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 TTR made four payments to Ngāti Ruanui totalling \$63,377.65 for them to assess the application and prepare the CIS. Bank records can be provided if it would assist the Panel.
45. Ngāti Ruanui had not provided a CIS to TTR by the time the application was due to be heard in 2014.
46. In June 2014 the EPA's Decision Making Committee declined TTR's environmental consent application. TTR appealed this decision to the High Court, but quickly withdrew it in favour of preparing and lodging a new application with the EPA.
47. As part of preparing the second application TTR re-engaged with Ngāti Ruanui and again asked them to prepare the CIS they had previously agreed to provide.
48. On 18 February 2015 Ms Debbie Ngarewa-Packer agreed to prepare the CIS provided TTR paid their legal costs associated with TTR's 2014 appeal to High Court, and on 19 February 2015 TTR made a payment to Ocean Law in Nelson for \$7,518.79. Again, correspondence and bank records can be provided, if required.
49. On 3 September 2015, Shawn Thompson, Tokatumoana Walden (TTR Management, retained at Ms Ngarewa-Packer's suggestion to facilitate iwi engagement) and I met with Ms Ngarewa-Packer and her advisers in Hawera where she again committed to provide the CIS by early 2016 so it could accompany TTR's second application to the EPA.
50. On 27 January 2016, I had a phone meeting with Ms Ngarewa-Packer to endeavour to have the CIS completed and on 17 February 2016 I instructed TTR's legal advisers AHM to write to Ms Ngarewa-Packer requesting a meeting to resolve outstanding issues and have the CIS report completed.
51. Due to the lack of progress with Ngāti Ruanui in preparing the CIS, TTR felt it was between a rock and a hard place - we

recognised that Ngāti Ruanui were mana whenua but we had been unable to gain any traction on how to understand what their concerns were, let alone how to address them. Because we felt we had no other option, we engaged Tahu Potiki and Buddy Mikaere to complete a Cultural Values Assessment and provide expert evidence for the EPA hearing in 2017.

52. In October 2016 Ngāti Ruanui sought an extension of time by the EPA's DMC in order to allow them to consider and consult internally on the cultural impacts of the application, including TTR's CVA. No feedback was provided to TTR and, regrettably, all engagement since has been through the Courts or via our respective lawyers.
53. In summary, TTR has repeatedly attempted to engage with Ngāti Ruanui, and in fact provided \$70,896.44 to them to review TTR's consent applications and prepare a CIS that was never provided. All I can say is that the situation is regrettable, but I am satisfied that we have acted in good faith.
54. Despite previous attempts to engage being rebuffed, TTR again sought and did meet with Ngāti Ruanui in Hawera in September 2025. Ngāti Ruanui made it clear in the meeting that it didn't accept TTR's expert scientific reports and evidence, and remained opposed to the project.
55. Regarding iwi consultation more generally, this has continued since the application was lodged earlier in the year (refer Appendix 3) and is summarised in the tables provided with the responses to comments that have been provided to the Panel.
56. Despite meaningful engagement not having occurred, TTR has proposed a suite of consent conditions (conditions 60 to 64 and 72 to 84) that are intended to provide mana whenua with meaningful and active roles in monitoring the environmental and, particularly cultural, effects of the project

and exercising kaitiakitanga. To the extent that mana whenua wish to do so, TTR remains willing to further discuss conditions during the process, and amend/add to them as necessary.



Alan John Eggers

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APPENDICES



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Engagement and Consultation with Commercial Fishers (Talley's)
and Seafood New Zealand
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13 February 2025	Call with Doug Loder	Alan spoke with Doug Loder and distributed notes from the call on how agreement on issues would now be worked on	9
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2 October 2025	Meeting	Meeting between TTR and SNZ to discuss SNZ's proposed conditions to TTR's project, in particular a proposed 'fish monitoring plan' and bond.	
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12 December 2024

Mr Andrew Talley
Talley's Group Ltd
Port Motueka 7120
New Zealand

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Andrew

TTR Taranaki VTM Project in South Taranaki Bight

As you will be aware the Fast-track Approvals Bill is currently going through Parliament and is due to be passed into law before Christmas.

Trans-Tasman Resources' project to mine the iron sands off the coast of Taranaki is one of 149 projects listed in the Bill to be fast-tracked. This means we are likely to go before an Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Panel next year and the Panel will determine if our project should proceed.

We recognise that, while our project has support, some opposition also remains.

In the past few months we have engaged with a range of people and organisations in the Taranaki and Whanganui community to provide information, increase understanding of the project, and to help us understand their concerns and how we can best address and mitigate these.

To be frank, some groups are not interested in engaging with us and others have chosen not to accept our expert scientific reports on the project's benefits and impacts. That is disappointing, but it is their right.

We are writing to you as Talley's has opposed our previous applications.

We understand that Talley's are concerned about the potential for adverse effects our activities may potentially have on your existing commercial fisheries interests in the South Taranaki Bight.

We are interested in engaging with you to better understand the basis for your position, to answer questions you may have and to share more detail on the project. We can demonstrate that our proposed project to recover VTM concentrate in the South Taranaki Bight will not have any adverse effects on, or interfere with, your existing commercial rights.

We have spent time specifically addressing the concerns of the commercial fisheries and aquaculture in the area and, after consultation, gained the support of, and reached an operating agreement with, Sanford Ltd for TTR to operate in the South Taranaki Bight.

It is important to us that we take the time and opportunity to improve our mutual understanding with Talley's. We may not agree on everything, but we may also be able to find some common ground to build from.

Please consider meeting in the New Year to discuss the project, your concerns and how we may better work together going forward – for the benefit of all who operate or may operate in the Bight.

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Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely
Trans-Tasman Resources Limited

Alan J Eggers
Executive Chairman

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From: Andrew Talley [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, 13 December 2024 10:08 am

To: Alan Eggers [REDACTED]

Cc: Erica Guy [REDACTED]; John [REDACTED]; Doug Loder [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: TTR Taranaki VTM Project in South Taranaki Bight

Hi Alan - thanks for your letter

Its correct we have significant concerns about the proposal however the best contact remains Doug Loder.

I know you've met Doug previously (copied). He and his team would be the best contact to meet with in the New year.

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From: Alan Eggers [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 13 December 2024 2:36 pm
To: Doug Loder [REDACTED] >
Cc: Erica Guy [REDACTED] John [REDACTED]
Subject: TTR Taranaki VTM Project in South Taranaki Bight

Hi Doug

TTR Taranaki VTM Project in South Taranaki Bight

As copied to you by Andrew, please find attached a letter I sent to Andrew suggesting we meet to discuss our Taranaki VTM Project in the STB and Talleys concerns with the proposal.

If you are available I would be happy to meet with you, and your team, in Nelson or Motueka in the New Year as I will be in the area.

I'm happy to suggest some times around mid January on. My contacts are below and perhaps we can briefly make a call to arrange a convenient time to suit our schedules?

I wish you, and the team at Talleys, the best for Xmas and New Year and look forward to catching up in 2025.

Best Regards

Alan J Eggers

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From: Alan Eggers [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, 22 January 2025 12:48 pm

To: Doug Loder [REDACTED]

Cc: Phernne Tancock [REDACTED] Peter Dawson

[REDACTED] Erica Guy [REDACTED] John [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: TTR Meeting Friday

Hi Doug

TTR Meeting Friday 10:00am Port Nelson

Thanks for the taking my call and confirming the meeting.

We believe the purpose of the meeting, and the points we wish to address, with Talleys are as set out in our letter of 12 December 2024 (as attached).

I will be accompanied in the meeting by my TTR co-director John Seton and Erica Guy.

We look forward to catching up on Friday.

Cheers

Alan E

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From: Alan Eggers [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 13 February 2025 9:22 am
To: Erica Guy [REDACTED] John [REDACTED]
Cc: Dennis Karp [REDACTED] Haydn Lynch
[REDACTED] Phil Mitchell [REDACTED] Luke
Faithfull [REDACTED] >
Subject: Talleys and Commercial Fishing Interests

Hi Erica and John

Talleys and Commercial Fishing Interests

I have had a call from Doug Loder (13/02) with an update.

He advised that rather than give us a 'list of concerns' around Talley's Jeremy Helson's submissions and evidence for us to address and draft conditions to satisfy Talleys they are now:

1. Providing an all of industry approach that includes Talleys, Seafood NZ and all fisheries submitters (a one stop shop); and
2. They will present a 'set of draft conditions' around commercial fisheries for TTR to include in its Fast Track application to address their concerns.

He did suggest that when we receive these 'conditions' it would likely require another meeting (in person?) to finalise.

I agreed the 'whole of industry' is a good approach.

He suggested it might be 6 weeks.....I gave him an informal background around why 'time is of the essence' and that we would be looking to pull the trigger on the application sooner than 6 weeks. He understood and was going back to his team with that message.

Cheers

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From: Alan Eggers <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, 25 February 2025 3:38 pm
To: John [REDACTED]; Erica Guy <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Dennis Karp [REDACTED]; Haydn Lynch [REDACTED]; Phil Mitchell [REDACTED]; Luke Faithfull [REDACTED]; Shawn Thompson [REDACTED]; Matthew Brown <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Nici Gibbs Expert Report Fisheries

Hi John and Erica

Nici Gibbs Expert Report Fisheries

I had a call from Doug Loder (Talleys) yesterday (24 February) asking if it is OK for Talleys and Seafood NZ et al to use Nici Gibbs of Fathom Consulting to provide a 'scoping document' and conditions and management plan to give the fishing industry comfort TTR will manage our operation and monitoring to ensure there are no adverse effects or detriment to their commercial interests.

He advised that TTR had previously engage Nici to provide a Fisheries Report on STB.

I agreed it was OK for them to engage Nici. Her 2013 report, updated November 2015, is attached.

I had not reviewed Nici's report prior to agreeing with Doug on her engagement.

Nici's key findings and conclusions were:

3.4 Broader impacts of spatial displacement

As noted in section 3.2 above, the level of displacement of commercial effort and catch as a result of the mining operations is likely to be minimal in the trawl fisheries, and small in the set net fishery (entailing some possible displacement of school shark catch). The relatively small amount of displacement in both cases is unlikely to result in any wider negative impacts on the commercial fishing industry. In particular, there are:

- no anticipated reductions in quota value;
- no anticipated downstream business impacts on fish processing or other fisheries-related services;
- no anticipated increased sustainability risks to fish stocks as a result of displaced effort and catch; and
- no anticipated increased risk of conflict with other resource users.

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3.5 Summary of suggested mitigation measures

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Mitigation measures that could be adopted by TTR to minimise any impacts of the proposed mining activity on commercial fishing in the South Taranaki Bight include:

- developing a contact list of companies and vessels operating in the area;
- designing and implementing a communication system to alert vessel operators to the intended location and duration of mining activities on a regular basis;
- developing a more precise understanding of the location and seasonality of set net effort in the area of the mining operation, and designing the mining operational plan to minimise any impacts on this fishery; and
- undertaking the mining operation in a manner that minimises the risk of sediment dispersal in the wider marine environment.

These outcomes [no impacts and fisheries consultation - taken care of in the Technical Review Group (TRG) of which they are a member] are consistent with Alison MacDiarmid's (NIWA) conclusions on impact on commercial fisheries and fine with TTR.

Should she now produce conflicting outcomes and conditions to operate would be of concern and raise a 'red flag' around expert credibility.

Cheers

Alan E



Alan J Eggers
Executive Chairman
TTR GLOBAL LIMITED

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From: Doug Loder [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: TTR - Dr MacDonald's powerpoint presentation

Date: 5 March 2025 at 3:59:24 am AWST

To: Alan Eggers [REDACTED]

Good morning Alan,

As we continue to work towards addressing the matters we have discussed I have been asked if it would be possible (as per Counsels requests attached) to get a copy of the Dr. Helen MacDonald presentation as highlighted below.

Getting the Powerpoint from 14th March 2024, along with the embedded files as discussed will be helpful for our team.

It appears this was agreed before TTR withdrew their original application and entered the Fast Track phase and getting it in that form now will speed up our end. It's not the content, we have that. It's just the format with which they can work.

Chrs, Doug.

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From: Alan Eggers [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 7 March 2025 2:53 pm
To: Doug Loder [REDACTED]
Cc: Erica Guy [REDACTED] John [REDACTED] >
Subject: Re: TTR - Dr MacDonald's powerpoint presentation

Hi Doug

I acknowledge your email and request regarding Helen MacDonald's presentation.

I followed up with Morgan Slyfield and he doesn't have a copy (files too big) and has request Helen makes them accessible on an online sharing platform and will advise TTR (and Duncan Ballinger) when he has reviewed.

Cheers

Alan E



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From: Duncan Ballinger [REDACTED]
Date: 13 March 2025 at 4:47:19 PM NZDT
To: "Morgan.slyfield" [REDACTED]
Cc: Michael Holm <[REDACTED]>, Phernne Tancock [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Request from Talley's re Dr Macdonald's evidence

Kia ora Morgan

Thanks very much. It was on my list to contact you about this today.

I will pass this on to the fisheries parties together with your note about the need to refer to Dr Macdonald's evidence.

Ngā mihi maioha

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Duncan Ballinger • Barrister
Stout Street Chambers
[REDACTED]

From: Morgan Slyfield [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 13 March 2025 4:36 pm
To: Duncan Ballinger [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Request from Talley's re Dr Macdonald's evidence

Kia ora Duncan,

TTR has received a request from Talleys to provide the video files from Dr Macdonald's evidence presented in Hawera last year.

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On the assumption that you're still acting/involved for the fisheries parties, I am sending the link to you (see below)—but please let me know if they should be directed elsewhere?

It's important to note that the videos are not self-explanatory, and cannot be accurately or reliably assessed or understood without close reference to the associated written and oral evidence of Dr Macdonald, as recorded in the hearings transcript. Please note the link will expire in 14 days so ensure you download them before then.

Ngā mihi,

Morgan

Morgan Slyfield (he/him)

Barrister

Stout Street Chambers

P. [REDACTED]

M. [REDACTED]

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From: Erica Guy
Sent: Tuesday, 1 July 2025 4:18 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Seafood New Zealand: Seeking a Meeting

Hi Lisa,

Thanks for your message.

I support Trans-Tasman Resources with its efforts and am also based in Wellington. I would be happy to meet to discuss TTR's project, application and proposed conditions. I am out of town this week, but am available next week if that also suits you?

Thanks and cheers

Erica Guy

Lillis Clark
[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lisa Futschek [REDACTED]
Subject: Seafood New Zealand: Seeking a Meeting
Date: 30 June 2025 at 9:29:43 am NZST

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Kia ora kōrua,

This message is to introduce myself, Lisa Futschek, CEO of Seafood New Zealand, the industry peak body for the commercial wild-capture seafood industry. I'm new in this role since the last time you may have had engagement with our organisation.

We are in the process of drafting our submission on your fast-track application. In that connection, we thought it would be mutually beneficial to meet with you to discuss the proposed conditions on the approval, particularly as they relate to commercial fishing.

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We are based on Waterloo Quay in Wellington and are happy to host or come to you (or meet online).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Ngā mihi,

Lisa

Lisa Futschek

Chief Executive

A Level 12, 7 Waterloo Quay, Pipitea, Wellington 6011

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From: Erica Guy
Sent: Tuesday, 8 July 2025 3:29 pm
To: Lisa Futschek [REDACTED]
Cc: Tiff Bock [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Seafood New Zealand: Seeking a Meeting

Thanks Lisa,

I can make 11.45am work – would you like to come here? We are located at 40 Bowen Street and have a nice café that is suitable for meetings.

Let me know what suits.

Cheers Erica

From: Lisa Futschek [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 8 July 2025 3:25 pm
To: Erica Guy <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Tiff Bock <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Seafood New Zealand: Seeking a Meeting

Kia ora Erica.

Thanks for your response and the offer to meet this week.

How is your availability this Friday, 11 July? My colleague Tiff Bock and I can do anytime from 11.45am onwards. As mentioned earlier, we're happy to host at our offices but can equally come to you – let me know what works best.

We look forward to meeting you.

Ngā mihi,

Lisa

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Chief Executive

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From: Lisa Futschek [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 29 September 2025 12:12 pm
To: Erica Guy [REDACTED]
Cc: Tiff Bock [REDACTED]
Subject: TTR and Seafood New Zealand

Kia ora Erica.

I trust all has been well with you since our meeting several months back.

One of the topics we touched on at that meeting was the potential for agreement on conditions the seafood industry may deem necessary to mitigate possible impacts on the fishery of TTR activities, should the application go through.

Given that the TTR application is now working its way through the process, we wondered whether you'd be up for a further check-in with us? If so, let me know what timing might suit. As we discovered last time, it's only a short walk between our offices so Tiff and I would be happy to come over to you again, or equally we'd be happy to host you here at our offices on Waterloo Quay.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Ngā mihi,

Lisa

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From: Erica Guy
Sent: Monday, 29 September 2025 12:26 pm
To: Lisa Futschek [REDACTED]
Cc: Tiff Bock [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: TTR and Seafood New Zealand

Sure Lisa,

Nice to hear from you and thanks for being in touch, yes, that sounds like a good idea.

I recognise time is ticking with comments to the expert panel due early next week. Therefore, is it your intention to include any potential for agreement on conditions within your submission to the panel?

I'm out of town until Wednesday this week but am available Thursday or Friday to meet and happy for you to come to ours or vice versa. I am flexible Thursday and have a 10-11.30am meeting on Friday but am otherwise clear.

Let me know what you were thinking and what suits?

Thanks and Cheers Erica

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From: Tiff Bock [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 1 October 2025 11:40 am
To: Erica Guy [REDACTED] Lisa Futschek [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: TTR and Seafood New Zealand

Hi Erica,

Please find attached the draft section of our comments to the Panel relating to the conditions. We are providing this in good faith to support an open and frank discussion tomorrow.

See you tomorrow.

Cheers,

Tiff Bock
GM Inshore



Please note I work Monday – Thursday.

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From: Lisa Futschek [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 3 October 2025 5:55 pm
To: Erica Guy [REDACTED]
Cc: Tiff Bock [REDACTED]
Subject: TTR: Seafood New Zealand submission

Kia ora Erica.

Thanks for the conversation yesterday. We value our open communication channel.

Late this afternoon we finalised and sent our submission to the Fast-Track Expert Panel on TTR's application on the Taranaki VTM project. As discussed, we are happy to provide you with a copy of that (attached).

Further to our brief discussion on the proposed fish monitoring plan, additional details appear from paragraph 146 of the submission. As noted yesterday, part of the reason we're proposing this is because TTR work to date has focused on the fish as opposed to the fishery i.e. how the people use the area and would be affected by changes in fish behaviour or characteristics.

I trust you find this early copy of our submission of use.

Ngā mihi,

Lisa

Lisa Futschek

Chief Executive

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From: Erica Guy
Sent: Friday, 3 October 2025 7:04 pm
To: Lisa Futschek [REDACTED]
Cc: Tiff Bock [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Seafood New Zealand submission

Thanks Lisa,

I valued the opportunity yesterday and it was nice to come to your office – such an amazing space, lucky you!

Thank you for sharing a copy of your submission with us ahead of the panel releasing it. We really appreciate that.

I'll take a look at the additional details on the fish monitoring plan, and obviously the rest of your submission.

Enjoy your weekend and let's keep in touch.

Cheers Erica

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From: Erica Guy

Sent: Monday, 6 October 2025 11:35 am

To: Lisa Futschek [REDACTED]

Cc: Tiff Bock [REDACTED]; Alan Eggers [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Seafood New Zealand submission

Hi Lisa and Tiff,

Again, it was good to catch up on Thursday and discuss the part of your submission relating to conditions SNZ would like to see included in TTR's proposal to harvest iron sands in the South Taranaki Bight.

I also really appreciate that you forwarded your full submission to me late on Friday to enable TTR to begin working on its response to your recommendations.

However, I was somewhat disappointed to read point 8 below:

In July 2025 SNZ approached TTR with a view to discussing, and potentially reaching agreement on, the conditions recommended in these comments. To date, no resolution has been reached but SNZ remains open to further discussion.

The facts are TTR approached Talley's in December last year to meet and discuss how we could work together to mitigate Talley's concerns about the project. Talley's responded and we met with Talley's and their legal team in late January. At the meeting, Talley's made clear they wanted a 'degree of comfort' that its commercial fishing operation would not be impacted by the project. Talley's was to come back to us with what that might look like and we forwarded information to Talley's following the meeting to support the process.

We never heard back from Talley's. Instead, you reached out in July and TTR responded and we met and discussed the project in broad terms. The conditions contained in your submission were never discussed at this meeting, though there was intent from both parties to work together to reach agreement. You shared SNZ's conditions with me (TTR) last Wednesday afternoon and we met to discuss them on Thursday morning. There was no time or opportunity to reach agreement on them.

I therefore find this comment misleading and a mischaracterisation of our engagement. TTR has been a proactive, willing and open participant in this process.

Can you please update your submission to the expert panel and remove this point?

Happy to discuss.

Thanks and cheers

Erica



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2 September 2024

Nathan Turner
Blue Float
By email:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

TTR Taranaki VTM Project and Offshore Wind Energy Proposals in South Taranaki Bight

Dear Nathan,

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We think there is an opportunity for us to work together and deliver a win-win outcome for New Zealand and Taranaki.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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2 September 2024

Andy Evans

Oceanex

By email: [REDACTED]

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Peter Spencer

Park Wind

By email:

[REDACTED]
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Hinata Kadowaki

Sumitomo

By email: [REDACTED]

cc: [REDACTED]

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Giacomo Caleffi
Taranaki Offshore Partnership
By email: [REDACTED]

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Wind Quarry
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From: Kelvin Wright [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 2 September 2024 5:37 pm
To: Erica Guy [REDACTED]
Cc: Anne Probert [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Serving NZ's best interests

Awesome thanks Erica – it will be good to see a coming together to optimise the South Taranaki Bight for all interested parties.

As per previous we are happy to host a session at Venture Taranaki to help facilitate understanding.

And looking forward to meeting Alan on his return

Thanks

Kelvin

From: Erica Guy [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 3:47 PM
To: Kelvin Wright [REDACTED]
Cc: Anne Probert [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Serving NZ's best interests

Caution: External email!

Hi Kelvin and Anne,

Please find attached a letter sent to Nathan Turner today – similar letters have been sent to all Offshore Wind Energy interests this afternoon.

Thank you for your assistance and we'll keep in touch in regards to formalising a meeting.

Cheers Erica

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From: Nathan Turner [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, 27 September 2024 at 4:34 PM
To: Charlotte Campbell [REDACTED]
Cc: Justine Gilliland [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Serving NZ's best interests

Kia ora Charlotte

Thank you for your letter dated 2 September 2024.

We note that a number of important milestones are due to occur in the coming months including the finalisation of the Fast-track Approvals Bill and the enabling regulations for offshore wind. At this stage, our preference would be to understand the outcomes and implications of those milestones before determining next steps.

Best regards

Nathan

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From: Peter Spencer [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, 27 September 2024 at 12:35 PM
To: Charlotte Campbell [REDACTED]
Cc: Tania Roach [REDACTED] Mathias Van Steenwinkel
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Serving NZ's best interests

Good afternoon Charlotte,

Thank you for your letter dated 2 September 2024.

A number of important milestones are set to occur in the coming months, such as finalisation of the Fast-track Approvals Bill and introduction of the Bill for offshore renewables to parliament.

As such our preference at present would be to understand the outcomes and implications of these before determining next steps.

Best regards

Ngā mihi,

Peter



Peter Spencer

Country Manager New Zealand

Wellington, New Zealand

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, 27 September 2024 at 4:22 PM
To: Charlotte Campbell [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Serving NZ's best interests

Kia ora Charlotte Campbell,

Please allow me to reply to you on behalf of Hinata Kadowaki, because he was transferred to another business unit.

Thank you for your letter dated on 2nd Sep 2024.

We would like to note that a number of important milestones are due to occur in the coming months including the finalisation of the Fast-track Approvals Bill and the enabling regulations for offshore wind. Therefore, at this stage, our preference would be to understand the outcomes and implications of those milestones before determining next steps.

Your understanding and acceptance would be appreciated.

Thanks & Best Regards,

Kosuke Shiraji (Mr.)

Assistant Manager of Overseas Energy Solution Unit No.2

Overseas Energy Solution SBU

Sumitomo Corporation

2-3-2, Otemachi, Chiyoda Ku, Tokyo To, 100-8601, Japan

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From: Giacomo Caleffi [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, 27 September 2024 at 3:21 PM
To: Charlotte Campbell [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Serving NZ's best interests

Kia ora Charlotte,

Please find our response attached.

Thanks

Giacomo Caleffi

Business Development Director



Taranaki Offshore Partnership – by NZ Super Fund & Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners

Level 2, 40 Lady Elizabeth Lane | Wellington 6011 New Zealand

m: [REDACTED] | <https://taranakioffshorewind.co.nz/top/>

My work hours are flexible, please be assured I don't expect a response outside your normal office hours

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Charlotte Campbell

27 September 2024

Lillis Clark
40 Bowen Street
Wellington 6011

Dear Charlotte,

Thank you for the letter dated 2 September 2024.

We note that a number of important milestones are due to occur in the coming months including the finalisation of the Fast-track Approvals Bill and the enabling regulations for offshore wind. At this stage, our preference is to understand the outcomes and implications of those milestones before determining next steps.

Best regards

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Caleffi'.

Giacomo Caleffi
Business Development Director, Taranaki Offshore Partnership

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From: Alan Eggers [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 23 October 2024 2:18 pm
To: David MacLeod [REDACTED]
Cc: Erica Guy [REDACTED]; John [REDACTED]
Subject: TTR Briefing Papers

Hi David

TTR Briefing Papers Taranaki VTM Project

OWE Letter of Offer to Engage

Thanks for the call and discussion on TTR's proposed iron sands project in the South Taranaki Bight.

As we discussed, please find attached TTR briefing Papers on our project and commentary on the Offshore Wind Energy (OWE) proposals and their Ministerial briefing paper in May 2024.

I have also attached TTR's letter to Blue Float, one of the seven OWE proponents, offering to work together and engage to our mutual benefits in the STB. This letter of offer was also sent to Sumitomo, Park Wind, Taranaki Offshore Partnership, Ocean, Energy Estate and Wind Quarry.

I will also pencil in 1pm to 3pm on Tuesday 29 October to meet in New Plymouth and confirm with you in the next couple of days.

Cheers

Alan E



Alan J Eggers
Executive Chairman
TTR GLOBAL LIMITED

M: [REDACTED]



TTR Taranaki Iron Sands Project and Proposed Offshore Wind Energy

South Taranaki Bight New Zealand 16
May 2024

TTR South Taranaki Bight Seabed Mining Overview

TTR's 3.2 billion tonne (Bt) vanadium rich titanomagnetite (VTM) resource located over 22km offshore in the South Taranaki Bight (STB) is a world class deposit capable of delivering sustainable jobs, much-needed infrastructure investment in Taranaki/Whanganui, taxes and royalties to the Crown, at no cost to New Zealand taxpayers, with a minimal, confined and only a very short term localised impact on the STB marine ecosystems.

On 15 May 2024 a consortium of proponents issued a briefing paper on their proposed offshore wind farm to be established in the South Taranaki Bight (STB).

TTR makes the following observations and comments on their paper;

- TTR has long standing existing 'property rights' in the STB in the form of government granted exploration and mining permits and an application for extension to a mining permit.
- TTR has material risk capital invested in these permits in excess of >\$85 million expended on detailed geological investigations, marine research, engineering, permitting and stakeholder engagement.
- The Taranaki VTM Project will bring significant benefits to the regional and New Zealand's economy as well as contribute to the critical minerals needed for the 'greentech' future.
- Why haven't the wind energy proponents ever approached TTR and discussed their proposals for wind energy in the STB area?
- Notwithstanding this lack of consultation, they seek to prevent TTR from pursuing its lawful development of natural resources, when the STB is big enough for both business activities. This hostility is puzzling?
- Their poorly researched paper omits much relevant information and delivers a misleading case for Offshore Wind Energy (OWE) on a number of key issues including impact on seabirds, the marine environment, marine mammals and permanent impost on the environment and commercial fishing, vessel navigation and mineral resource recovery.

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- Their site selection seems to be limited to one wind meter installed on the Kupe platform with no wider investigations of the extensive STB possibilities for OWE.
- It appears this site, superimposed directly over TTR's granted mining permits, is exactly where they propose to establish their towers and infrastructure without any consultation with TTR?
- In any event the OWE economics and GDP benefits stated in the paper are far exceeded by mining of titanomagnetite (VTM) by orders of magnitude as supported and shown by independent expert evidence and recent MBIE ministerial briefing papers.
- The paper lacks evidence of any marine research, geological and geotechnical investigations in support of their proposal.
- If they had done their homework, or consulted with TTR which has extensive marine research information and data from 100's of drill holes in the area, they would know that the seabed here is comprised of unconsolidated super saturated fluidised black sands 10's of metres deep.
- This geological substrate will require massive steel and concrete foundations implanted deep into the sea bed to support 300m towers and generating equipment. These foundations, for each of the 100's of towers, will require 1,000's tonnes of concrete, steel and stabilising chemicals injected into the seabed sands.
- These permanent seabed fixtures, along with the network of interconnecting cables draped on the seafloor, will never be recovered or allow any rehabilitation of the benthic communities or recovery of the marine ecology possible.
- The foundations, towers, electronics and generation equipment, along with the transmission infrastructure to shore and markets, are made of....mainly iron, vanadium and titanium, exactly what TTR intends to recover.
- The proponents for OWE development in the STB have simply failed to explore their options, do any meaningful research or engage with existing interests and stakeholders in the area.

With consultation, TTR believes both activities OWE and mineral recovery, can co-exist in the STB with sensible consultation and co-operation and reference to the facts of the proposals.

Alan J Eggers

16 May 2024



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Alan J Eggers
Executive Chairman
19 March 2025

Hon Simon Watts
Minister for Energy
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

By email: s.watts@ministers.govt.nz

Dear Minister Watts,

I am writing to let you know more about our planned project to harvest iron sands 22km offshore in the South Taranaki Bight and, in particular, how our project can work alongside proposals to establish offshore wind farms.

The issue of seabed mining and offshore wind farms co-existing off the coast of Taranaki was raised at the Investment Summit you attended and addressed in Auckland last week. We understand offshore wind developers and investors attending the summit advised that it would be 'difficult' to cohabit with seabed mining.

Trans-Tasman Resources (TTR) has invested significantly over many years in attempts to gain the consents required to harvest the iron sands, which contain the critical minerals of iron ore, vanadium and titanium. These minerals are in demand to build the infrastructure economies need as they transition to renewable energy.

TTR is currently preparing its application for fast-track approval for the project, which the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER) has assessed will deliver more than 1300 jobs and generate more than \$850 million in total export earnings annually. It is a massive project that will have huge flow-on benefits for all of New Zealand.

Last year a consortium of offshore wind developers issued a briefing paper on their plans to establish an offshore wind farm in the same location as our project in the South Taranaki Bight. Following its release, we wrote to each consortium and suggested we meet to discuss how seabed mining and offshore wind energy can work together. We believe that the two can co-exist with good communication and co-operation.

While the two activities cannot occur at the same time, we are strongly of the view that offshore wind can follow seabed mining in a co-ordinated manner. Given the regulatory environment is still being developed to enable the establishment of an offshore wind energy sector, there is merit in offshore wind following the harvest of iron sands.

You will be aware that TTR has government granted exploration and mining permits. We have identified the resource-rich iron sands and have a property right over them in the South Taranaki Bight.

An expert geotechnical report on the implications for any future deployment of jack-up rig platforms or foundations for fixed platforms on the seabed following the harvesting of iron sands found "the presence or otherwise of the tailings doesn't change anything or have any

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significant implications for any future deployment and founding of jack-up rig platforms on the seabed". This report satisfied concerns from the oil and gas sector and we are confident it also addresses flags raised by offshore wind farm developers.

Suggestions that the seabed would need up to 50 years to recover before offshore wind farms could be established are simply unfounded.

There does not need to be a choice between harvesting iron sands or offshore wind energy, as both can take place and deliver benefits to New Zealand.

Please find attached an update on TTR's project.

Thank you for your time and please get in touch if you would like to discuss any of the matters we have raised.

Kind regards,

Alan Eggers
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From: Simon Watts (MIN) <S.Watts@ministers.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 19 March 2025 10:36 am
To: Erica Guy [REDACTED]
Cc: Jack Boltar [REDACTED] Matt Stone
[REDACTED] Simon Watts (MIN) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Seabed mining and wind farms

Good morning Erica,

On behalf of Hon Simon Watts, thank you for the letter and memo from Trans-Tasman Resources.

We confirm receipt of your email and will be in touch with a response in due course.

Kind regards,



Office of Hon Simon Watts

Minister of Climate Change

Minister for Energy

Minister of Local Government

Minister of Revenue

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23 July 2025	Response to TVNZ media query	Media statement in response to the Waitangi Tribunal decision not to hold a hearing into TTR's fast-track application	
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1 September 2025	TV programme	Shareholders Billy Preston and Larry appear on Te Ao with Moana, on Whakaata Maori TV	
9 September 2025	Meeting	TTR met with Ngāti Ruanui representatives Rachel Arnott and Graham Young in Hawera	
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15 September 2025	TV programme	Moana Maniapoto made a statement at the beginning of the Te Ao with Moana programme acknowledging that no Manuka Resources representatives made any derogatory statements	
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2 October 2025	Email to Emma Gardiner	TTR responded to Emma's letter and stated that it would be unavailable to meet on October 8 and 9 due to the need to respond to submissions to the expert panel.	85

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From: Erica Guy
Sent: Thursday, 17 October 2024 4:50 pm
To: Kelvin Wright [REDACTED]
Cc: Alan Eggers [REDACTED]
Subject: Note for Iwi leaders meeting

Hi Kelvin,

Good to catch up briefly today and I hope the gas conference is going well.

As discussed, please find attached a meeting outline that we would appreciate you please sharing with the Iwi leaders group so we can engage with them.

Alan and I will be in New Plymouth and available to meet anytime on October 29 and in the morning of October 30.

Thanks for your help.

Cheers Erica



TTR's Taranaki VTM Project Iwi Leaders Meeting Request – 29/30 October 2024

Tēnā koe,

Introduction:

Trans-Tasman Resources has been seeking approval to mine the iron sands in the South Taranaki Bight for iron ore, vanadium and titanium for more than 10 years. These are critical minerals in high demand as economies transition to renewable energy.

The project presents an opportunity to deliver significant long term export earnings for New Zealand and benefits to the Taranaki region. These benefits include hundreds of local jobs, a \$250 million annual operational spend, much-needed infrastructure investment, the establishment of a logistics hub and training centre in Hawera, as well as a head office in New Plymouth.

Purpose:

Trans-Tasman Resources Executive Chairman Alan Eggers would like to meet with local iwi leaders to outline the project, address misinformation, outline the engagement it has completed, and outline the efforts it has taken to address concerns – as well as answer any questions kanohi ki te kanohi.

The Taranaki VTM project has been included in the Government's Fast Track legislation set to be approved by the end of the year, and is likely to go before an expert panel overseen by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) in 2025.

It is important iwi leaders understand the facts, hear from Mr Eggers and have the opportunity to have any questions and concerns addressed.

Nāku noa, nā



Fast-Track Applicants
Seabed Mining & Mining Interests

Tuesday, 17 December 2024

Kia ora,

Re: Notice of Intent – Revoking all laws that expose our Natural Resource

Your organisation is one that has expressed interests in Aotearoa's natural resources and have been identified as taking advantage of the current legislation before the New Zealand House of Parliament.

This includes fast-track consenting, changes to the Crown Minerals Act, the removal of Treaty principles from 28 pieces of legislation, and the Treaty Principles Bill, currently being progressed by the National, New Zealand First, and ACT coalition Government.

Te Pāti Māori is committed to upholding what was reaffirmed by the British Sovereign in Article 2 of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, recognising Māori contractual obligations as kaitiaki over our natural resources.

We place you on notice that upon the formation of any new Government formed with Te Pāti Māori we will immediately revoke changes that facilitate the exploitation of our natural resources and legislate to retrospectively hold organisations accountable.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi protects all of Aotearoa and all New Zealanders from corporate exploitation and international greed.

We believe it is in the best interest of your organisation, now formally on notice, that you reconsider taking advantage of the indigenous people of Aotearoa.

The demise of this current Government is evident, and 2026 is quickly approaching.

Nā mātou noa, nā,

Rawiri Waititi
Te Pāti Māori Co-leader

Debbie Ngarewa-Packer
Te Pāti Māori Co-leader



29 January 2025

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust
Attn: Haimona Maruera - Chairperson

Via email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe Haimona,

RE: Trans-Tasman Resources Ltd – Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 Application

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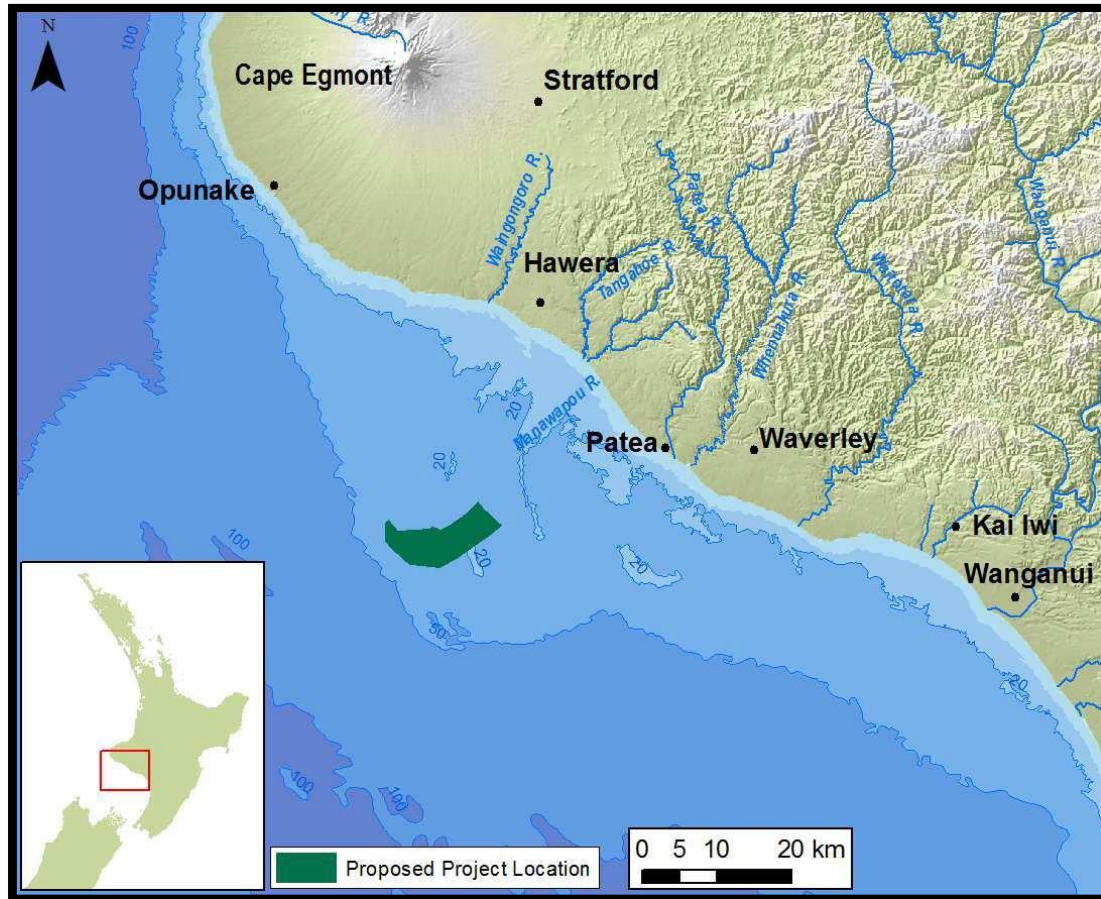


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Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust
Attn: Emma Gardiner - Pouwhakarae (Chair)

Via email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe Emma,

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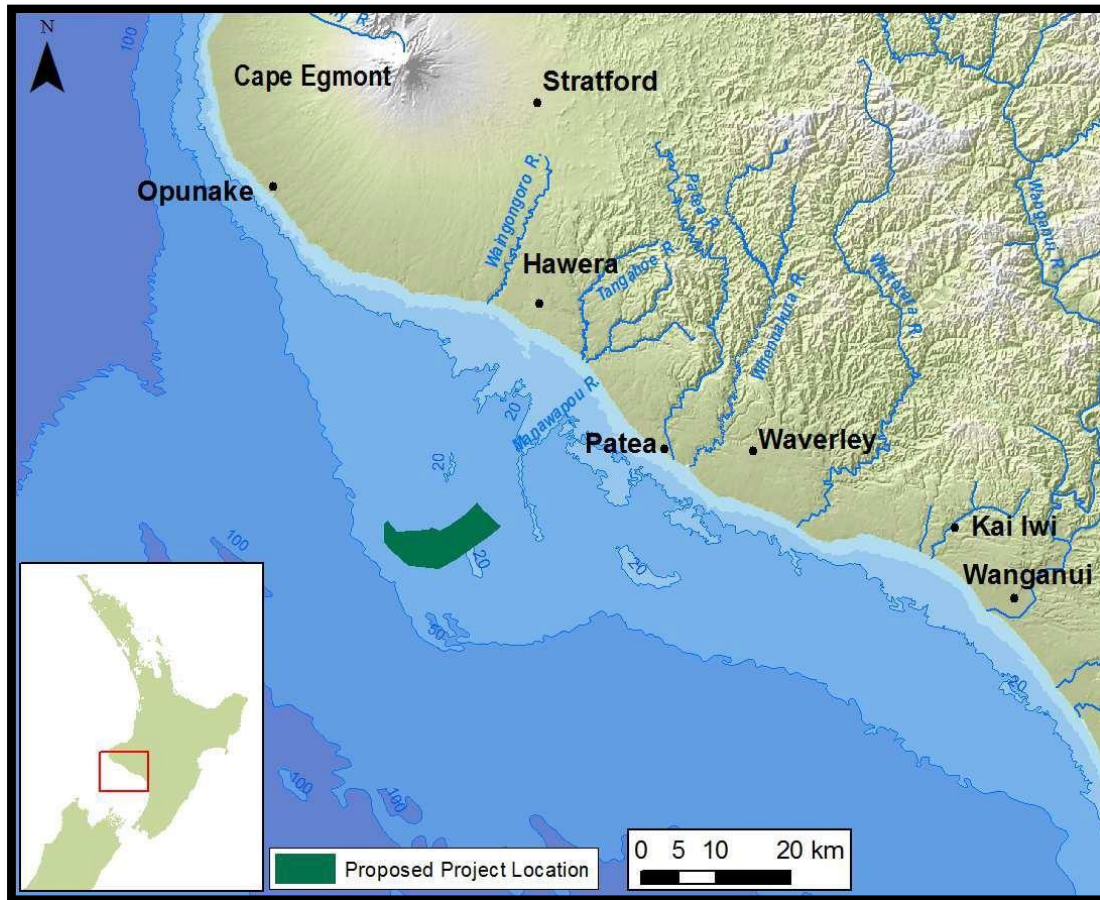


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Te Kaahui o Rauru
Attn: Renee Bradley, Tumu Whakahaere (Chief Executive Officer)

Via email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe Renee

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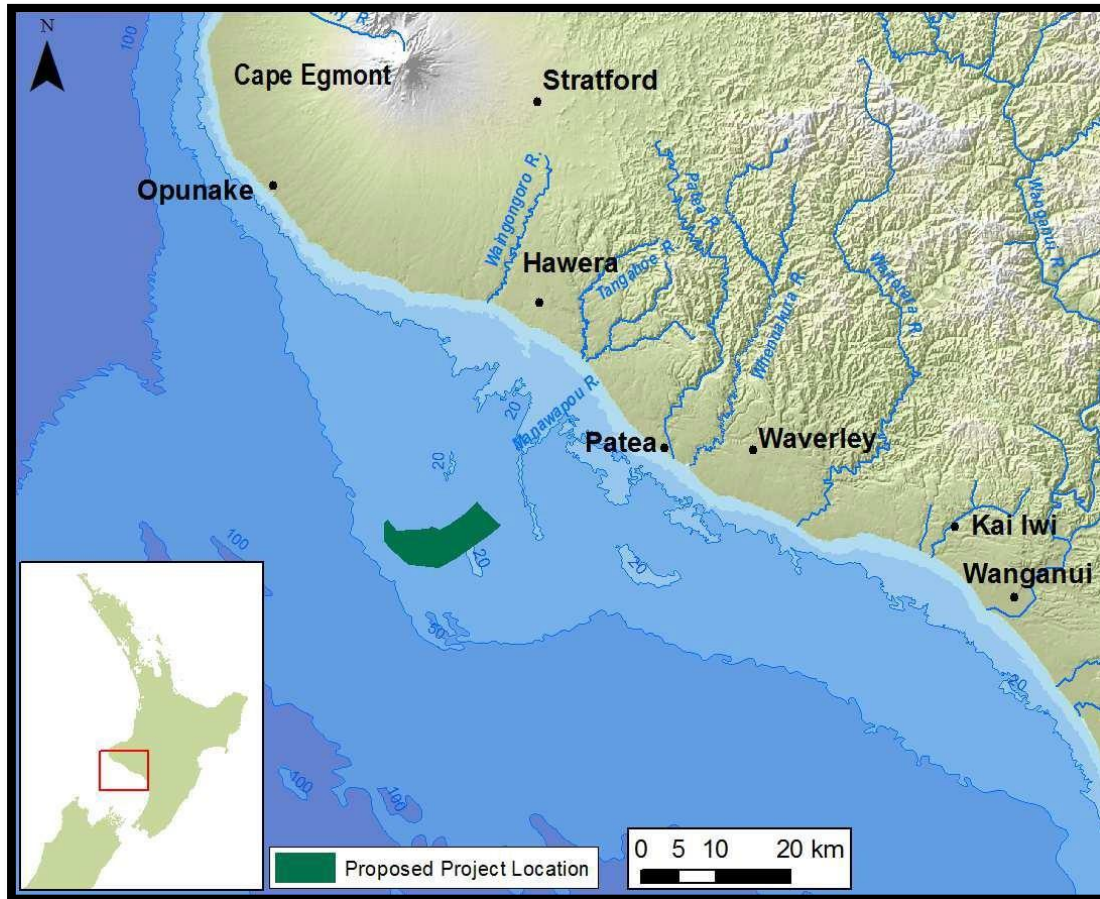


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Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust
Attn: Jacqui King, Chairperson

Via email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe Jacqui,

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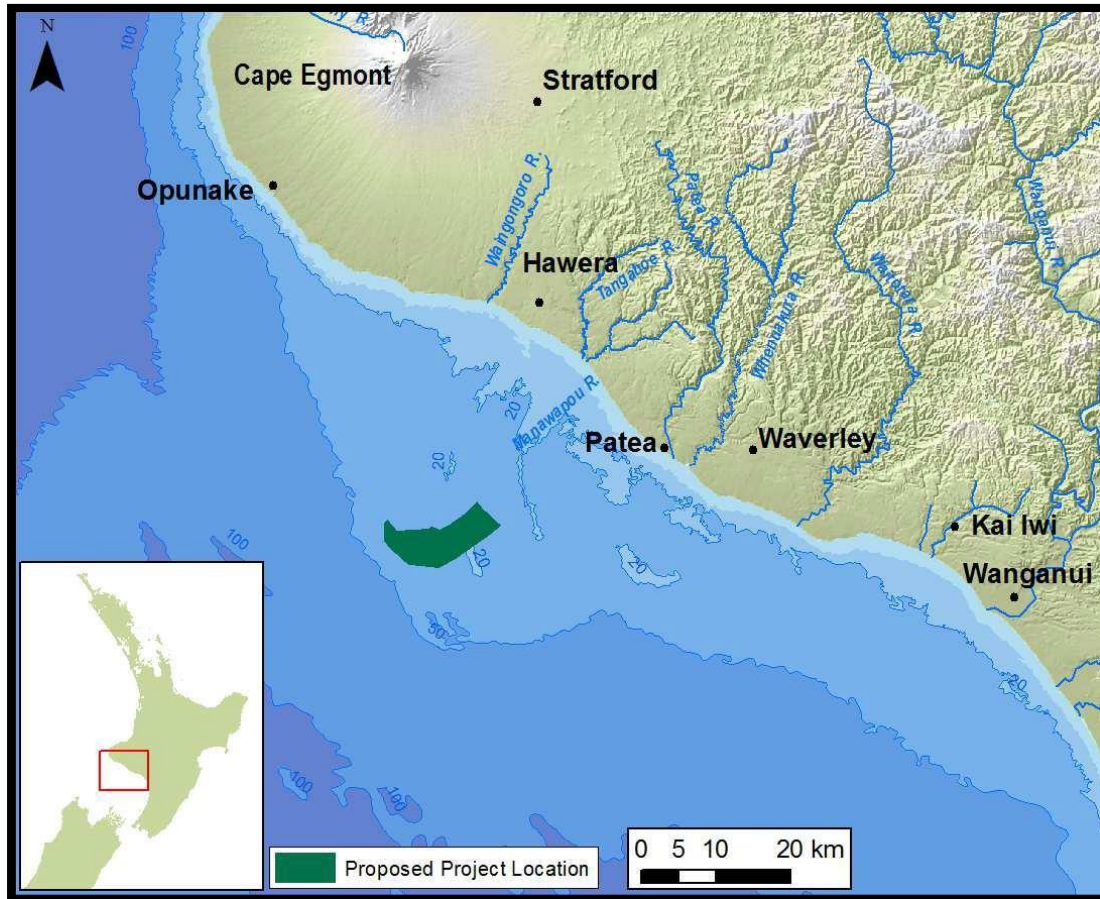


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Ngā Hapu o Ngaruahine

Attn: Allie Williams

Via email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe Allie

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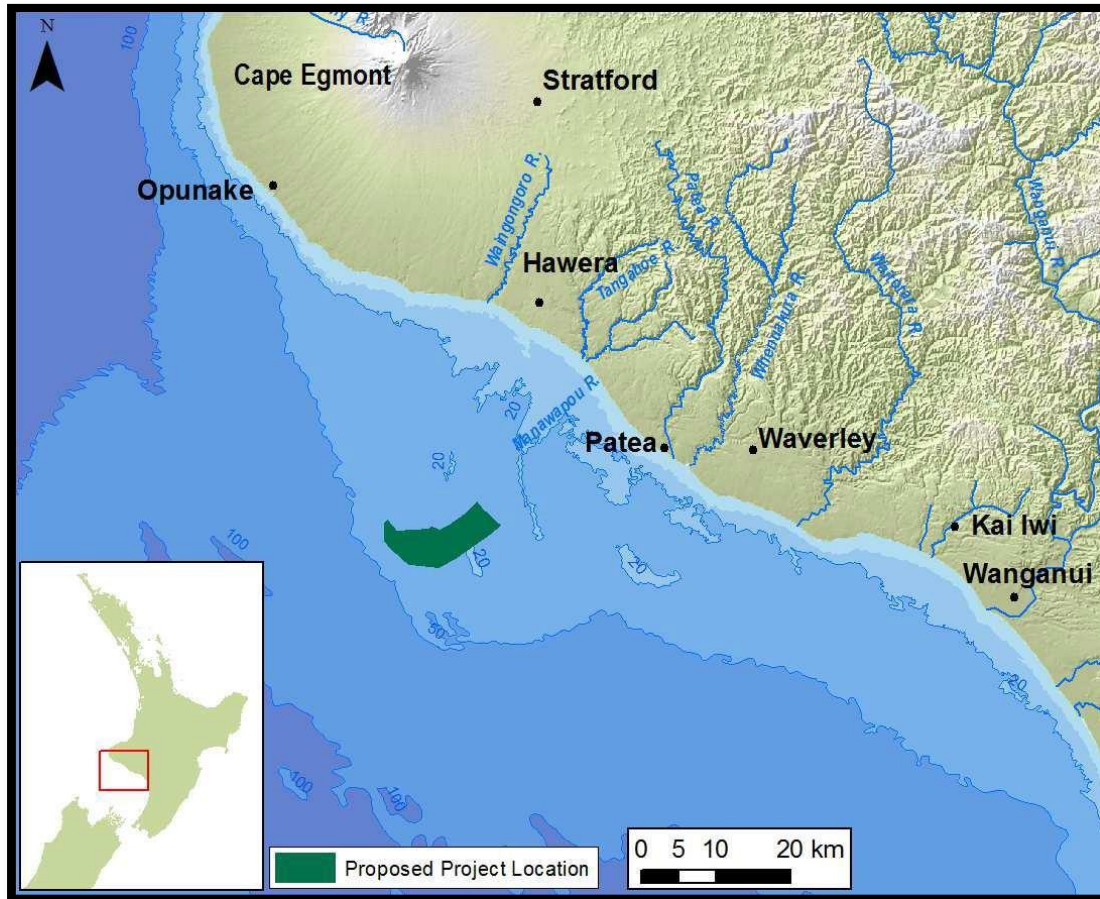


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Via email: [REDACTED]

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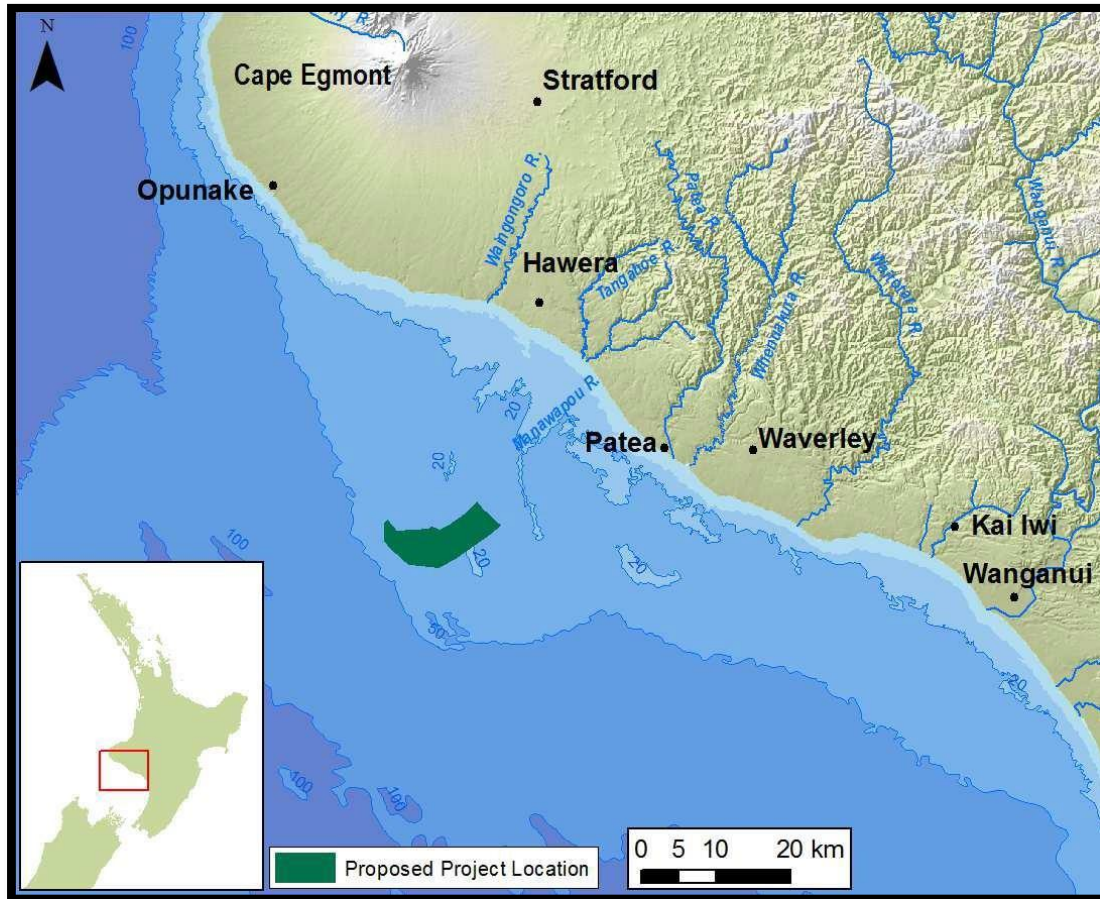


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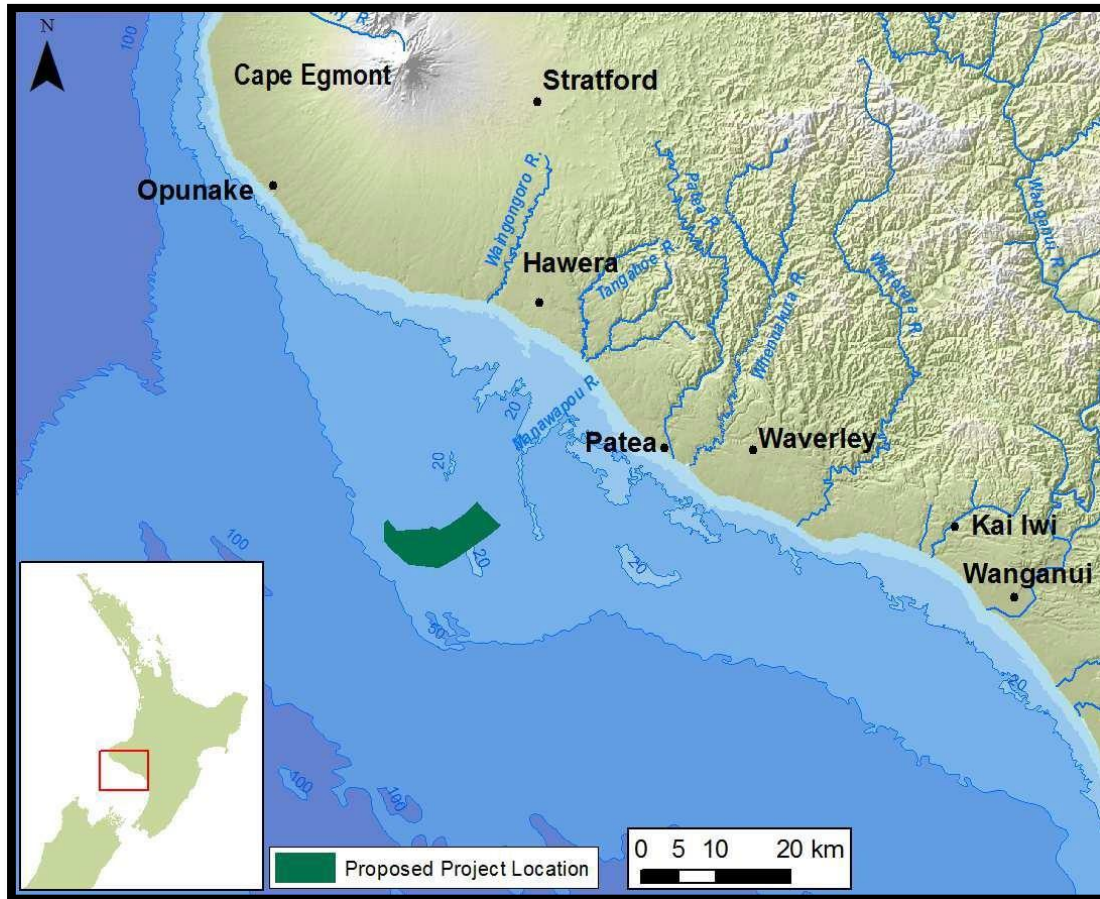


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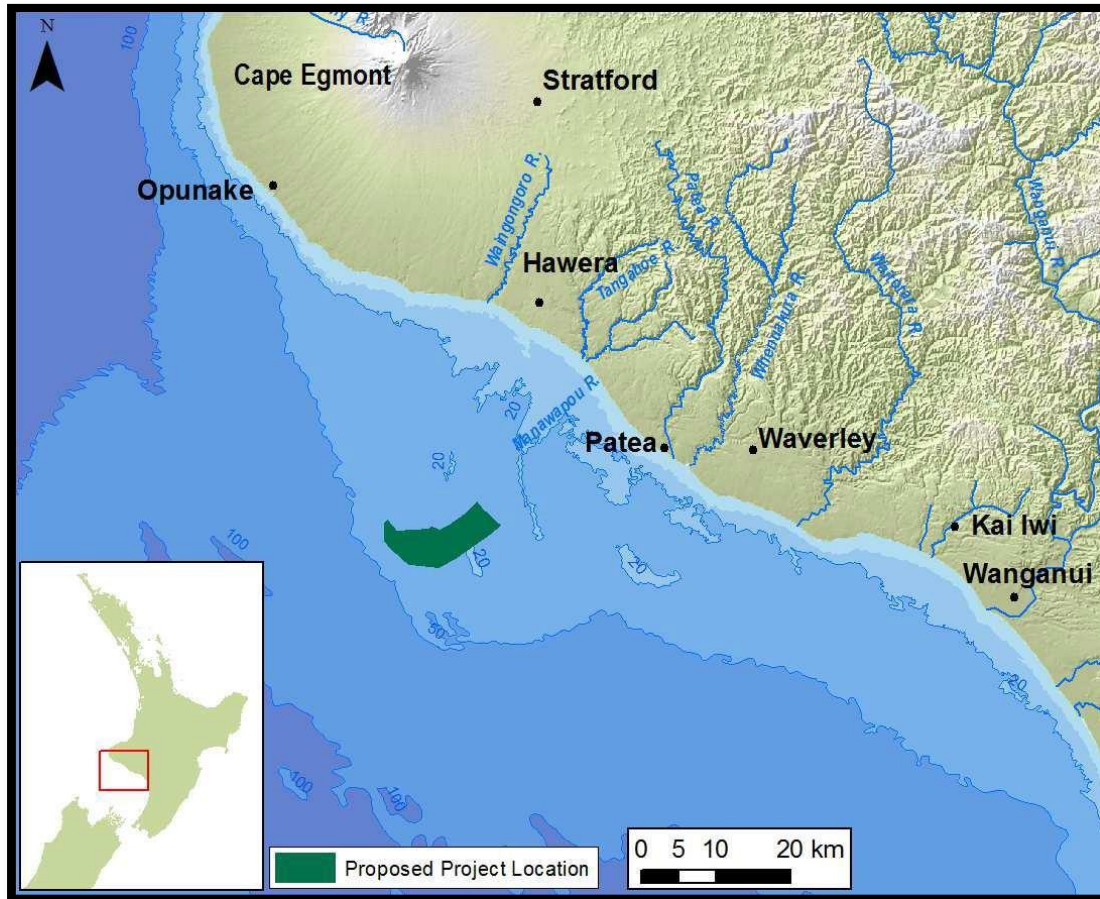


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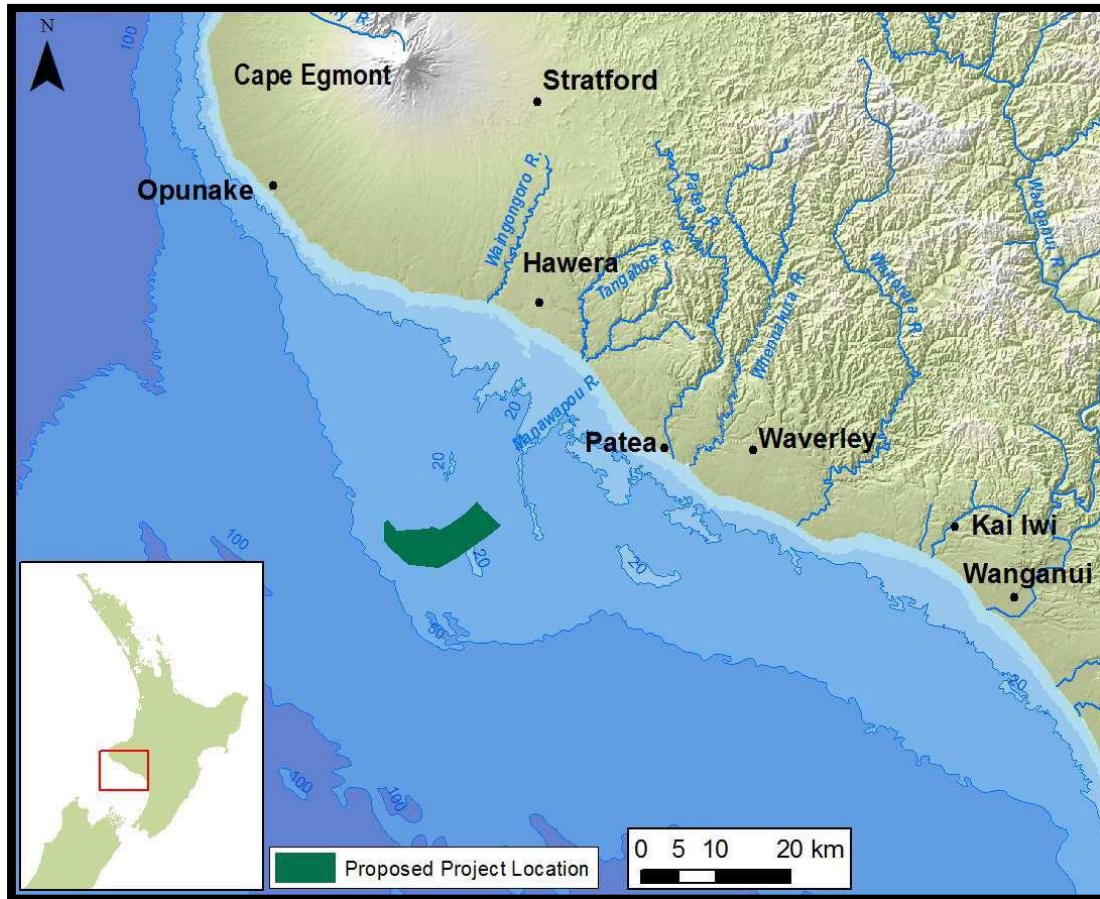


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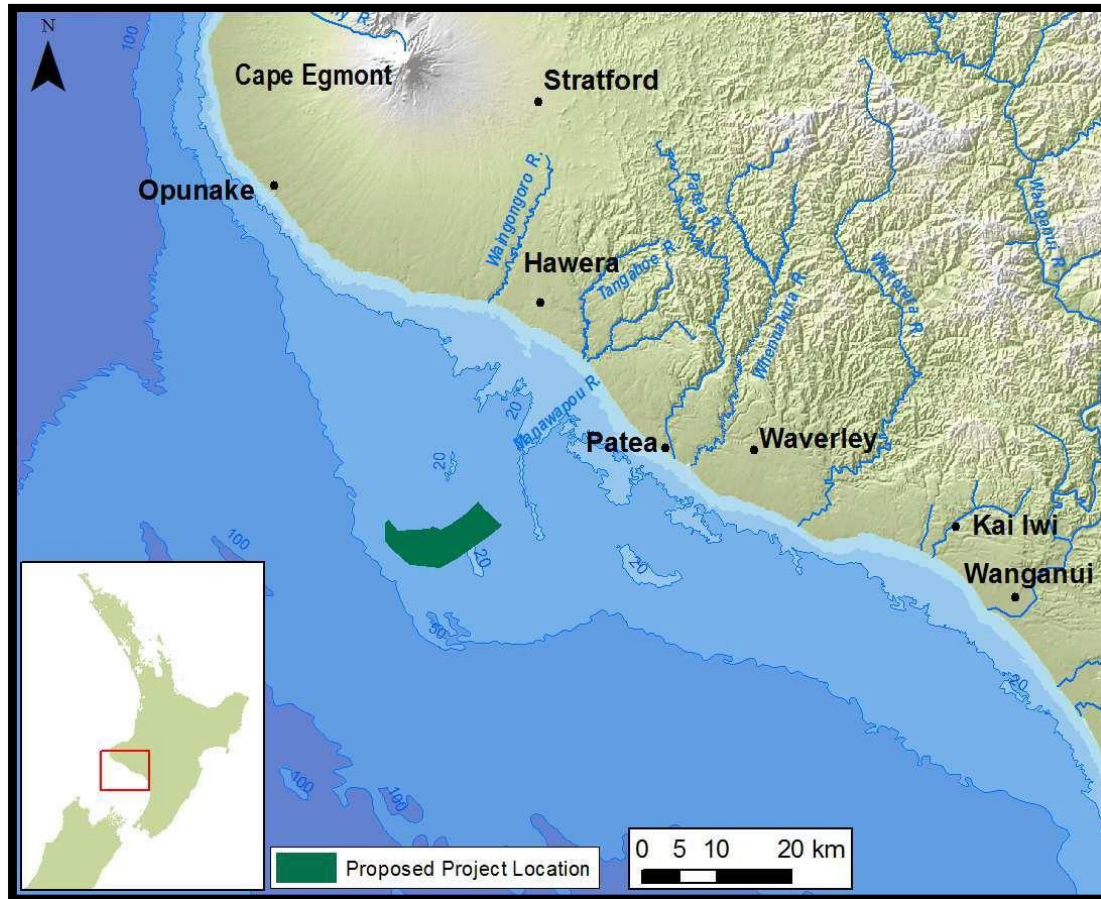


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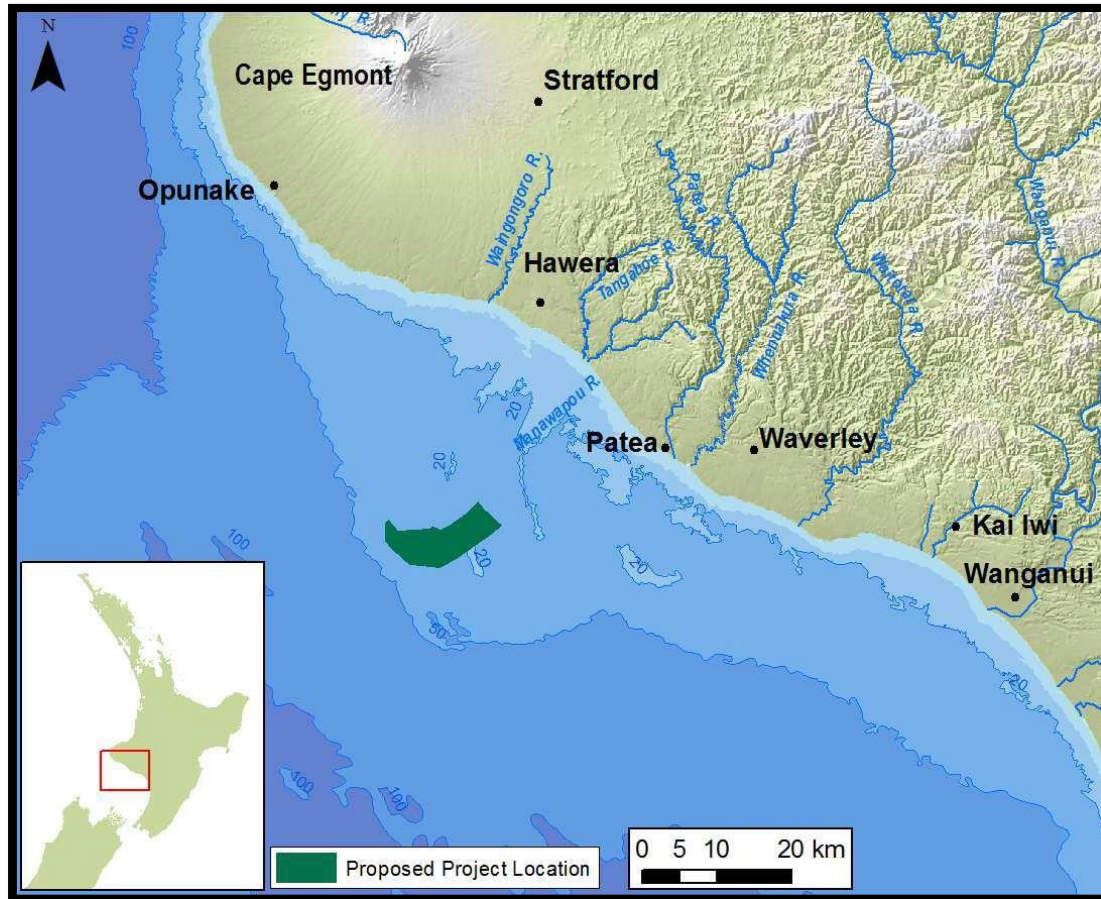


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From: Erica Guy
Sent: Monday, 23 June 2025 5:21 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Trans-Tasman Resources

Kia ora Te Aroha,

I hope you enjoyed the long Matariki weekend with whānau and friends.

Thank you for attending and engaging at the meeting last week where Trans-Tasman Resources Executive Chairman Alan Eggers presented the company's Taranaki VTM project.

It was great to be able to present and for Alan to be very candid in his presentation and responses to your questions.

As a follow-up, I would be interested to understand how we could share the presentation and increase understanding of the project to more in the community.

Are you able to advise how we could engage with someone within Ngāruahine to see if the iwi would be open to a presentation, please?

Trans-Tasman Resources is not seeking to gain support from Ngāruahine for the project, but rather share the extensive information it has gathered on how it plans to mitigate the environmental effects – as well as the economic and employment opportunities that it could offer for Māori and others in the community.

Obviously, it would be good to address some of the misleading information that has taken hold, and answer questions iwi members may have.

I would appreciate any advice and assistance.

Thank you for your time.

Ngā mihi

Erica

Erica Guy
CONSULTANT



[REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | lillieclark.com
📍 40 Bowen Street, Wellington 6011

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From: Erica Guy
Sent: Tuesday, 24 June 2025 8:20 am
To: Te Aroha Hohaia [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Trans-Tasman Resources

Morena Te Aroha,

Thanks for that.

Please find the link below to the marine consent conditions. It is listed under the 'substantive application' within Trans-Tasman Resources Fast-Track application. I recognise there is lots of information there! Also listed there is the economic impact assessment report. I have attached a copy of that for your reference also.

Let me know your thoughts.

Ngā mihi,

Erica

[Attachment-1-Proposed-Marine-Consent-Conditions-FINAL.pdf](#)

From: Te Aroha Hohaia [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 24 June 2025 8:00 am
To: Erica Guy [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Trans-Tasman Resources

Kia ora Erica

My weekend was fabulous with all three spent in Te Papakura ko Taranaki. I trust yours was fabulous, too.

I am following up with the Tumuwhakarae for Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust. And will get back to you.

In the meantime, Allan made frequent mention of 'management plans' in his presentation. But I couldn't find them in the application on the Fast Track website. Can you point me to them or send me a copy?

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Te Aroha Hohaia

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Te Kaunihera ō Taranaki ki Te Tonga | South Taranaki District Council
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jessica Tyson [REDACTED]

Subject: Interview with Te Ao with Moana

Date: 24 June 2025 at 11:21:06 am NZST

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Kia ora Alan,

How are you? My name is Jessica Tyson and I am a reporter from current affairs show *Te Ao with Moana*. I am working on a story about Trans-Tasman Resources wanting to mine in the South Taranaki Bight. I would like to please know if you are available to be interviewed in person by me for the story?

If so, whereabouts will you be located over the next couple of weeks?

Ngā manaakitanga,

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Jess Tyson

Te Atihaunui-a-Pāpārangī

Reporter for Te Ao with Moana

[REDACTED]



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From: Lineni Tuitupou

Sent: Friday, June 27, 2025 5:13:01 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Taroi Black [REDACTED]; Mariana Whareaitu [REDACTED]

Subject: Media Request for Response: Ngāti Ruanui Tribunal Claim and Seabed Mining

Kia ora,

I am writing to bring to your attention a story we're covering regarding the Waitangi Tribunal claim lodged by Ngāti Ruanui and other hapū/iwi concerning your seabed mining application and the Government's Fast Track process.

Iwi say their voices have been excluded from decision-making, that the Fast Track process breaches Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and that this claim is part of their efforts to stop the mining project from proceeding.

We have spoken to iwi representatives, who have shared their concerns. I would appreciate a response from you regarding these matters, specifically addressing the concerns that the iwi have.

The story will air on Monday, 30 July, so our deadline for response is 2:30pm that day.

Thank you.

Kind regards,
Lineni

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From: Erica Guy
Sent: Monday, 30 June 2025 3:33 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: TTR story

Kia ora Lineni,

It was good to chat and apologies to the reception – it was possibly both of our connections.

Anyway, as discussed please find attached the Fast-track convenor minute that outlines and identifies the groups that are being invited to a first meeting or discussion about Trans-Tasman Resources seabed mining project. There is a schedule of iwi and hapu groups that have been invited to attend and participate in the decision-making, as there is so many of them. I think we counted 42!

This is publicly available information and can be found on the Fast-track website (www.fasttrack.govt.nz), under the correspondence section of the Taranaki VTM project. The direct link to this information is [Minute of panel convener](#)

The point is iwi are involved in the decision-making process under Fast-track.

I will be back in touch in the morning with a statement for you.

Take care,

Kind Regards, Erica

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Sent: Monday, 30 June 2025 6:20 pm
To: Erica Guy [REDACTED]
Cc: Taroi Black [REDACTED]; Mariana Whareaitu
[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: TTR story

Kia ora Erica,

Nice talking to you too, and yes sorry about my connection.. lol

Thanks for the information and for bringing it to our attention, we'll wait for the statement tomorrow.

Ngā mihi,

Lineni

From: Erica Guy
Sent: Tuesday, 1 July 2025 10:09 am
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: TTR Statement

Kia ora Lineni,

Please find attached a statement from Trans-Tasman Resources. I am keen to discuss this with you, so please call when you are free?

Thank you

Cheers Erica



Taranaki VTM Project Fast-track application Iwi participation in Fast-track process

Alan J Eggers
Executive Chairman Trans-Tasman Resources Limited

1 July 2025

Statement to Te Karere

Trans-Tasman Resources (TTR) is disappointed by the actions of Ngāti Ruanui in seeking the Waitangi Tribunal to take a position on seabed mining.

TTR Executive Chairman Alan Eggers says it is a fact that iwi are included in the Fast-track process and will have an opportunity to have their voices heard.

"Our first convenor conference has been scheduled for next week (7 July) and the panel convenor has invited 36 relevant iwi authorities, treaty settlement groups and other iwi and hapu to participate in this and the Fast-track decision-making process, including Ngāti Ruanui.

"The panel convenor has written a minute detailing this and this is publicly available on the Fast-track website. It is simply incorrect to say iwi voices are not involved in the decision-making," Mr Eggers says.

"We would like to be working positively with iwi groups, as there is considerable opportunity for Māori to be involved in the project.

"There will be jobs and training available along with opportunities for Māori to undertake much of the work, especially the marine monitoring and research work that reports direct to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) which ensures the project meets all its environmental conditions. We would like iwi to be involved with that work."

Mr Eggers says the Waitangi Tribunal has no expertise or understanding of mining, and has no statutory authority or regulatory function with respect to marine consents.

Alan J Eggers
TTR Executive Chairman



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Executive Chairman

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From: Jessica Tyson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 3 July 2025 2:49 pm
To: Erica Guy [REDACTED]
Subject: TTR application questions - Te Ao with Moana

Kia ora Erica,

Thank you so much for sending through your email. I have read through what I believe is TTR's latest application papers here (please see attached and correct me if it's not the latest). I am planning to interview an economist for the story and have some questions if you could please provide answers on behalf of TTR:

1. I understand the project would create approximately 300 Taranaki based jobs and an additional 170 jobs nationwide. What pay do these jobs offer? Are they high paying or low paying? How many are part-time, contract and/or full time employment?
2. Following on from above, how long are the jobs expected to last? Are they for months weeks or years? (How sustainable are the jobs? How many are expected to employ a single person for the duration of the project, 20 years?)
3. Will there be any jobs available after the project is over, and if so how many and how much pay would they offer?
4. How many new jobs will be taken by people from overseas?
5. Would the New Zealand Government be liable to be sued by TTR for lost profits if a future government withdraws from the project or if the project seriously damages the environment and is made to stop?
6. What is the distribution impact/affect? How will royalties or any profits to NZ be distributed in New Zealand? Will they be prioritized for the Taranaki region or spread across NZ?
7. What is TTR expected to profit each year from the project?
8. Is TTR wanting to work on more projects mining the NZ seabed during the time of this project or at any time in the future afterwards?
9. Who will be paying for the work to protect the environment throughout the project? If TTR, how much will be spent doing that?

Also, does TTR have a **cost benefit analysis** you would be able to please send me?

Could you also please send me any documents showing the research following NIWA's modeling looking into the size and environmental impacts of the **plume** expected to be created by the mining project?

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Ngā manaakitanga,

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Jess Tyson

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From: Jessica Tyson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 4 July 2025 1:28 pm
To: Erica Guy [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: TTR application questions - Te Ao with Moana

Kia ora Erica,

Thank you so much for your email and for this info. And no worries, thank you for helping to answer those questions too.

Ngā manaakitanga,

On Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 4:56 PM Erica Guy [REDACTED] wrote:

Thanks Jess,

That's a lot of questions!

Trans-Tasman Resources' application is all publicly available on the Fast Track website and much of the information you are after is also found there. The link to the page is [Substantive application | Fast-track website](#)

Here you will find:

- The actual Fast Track application
- The proposed marine consents (which determine how it will operate and manage or mitigate any effects)
- The New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER) economic impact assessment, which highlights the jobs and economic benefits

From: Erica Guy
Sent: Wednesday, 9 July 2025 4:05 pm
To: Jessica Tyson [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: TTR application questions - Te Ao with Moana

Thanks Jess,

That question is hypothetical as we can't predict the future, so we can't answer that sorry.

In regards to the environmental aspect of the question, however, the conditions and plans (which were in the links I sent you) prevent TTR from operating if it breached any of the

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conditions (ie. the company has to cease operations) and it couldn't start operating again until it complied. So, the conditions will prevent it from seriously damaging the environment.

I'll get in touch with Billy, Larry and Toka and hope they are available on any or all of those dates and get back to you.

Cheers Erica

From: Jessica Tyson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 July 2025 3:57 pm
To: Erica Guy [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: TTR application questions - Te Ao with Moana

Kia ora Erica,

Thank you so much for your reply and for this info.

There is this one question I haven't yet read about if you could please help me with an answer:

Would the New Zealand Government be liable to be sued by TTR for lost profits if a future government withdraws from the project or if the project seriously damages the environment and is made to stop?

In regards to filming, I have tentatively booked to travel down to Taranaki on **two** of the following three days (weather dependent) Monday 20, Tuesday 21 or Wednesday 22 of July to film. Would you be able to please see if the talent who we spoke about (shareholders Billy and Larry) would be available on any of those days to be interviewed by me? And would Toka be available to speak with me (off the record) when I am there?

Please let them know I send my apologies for the delay - we are a really small team so allocating travel for stories can be logistically challenging.

Ngā manaakitanga,

On Wed, Jul 9, 2025 at 12:08 PM Erica Guy [REDACTED] > wrote:

Kia ora Jess,

I'm good thank you.

Have you read any of the information I forwarded to you, as you will find that all the answers are in there?

The information that isn't is on the \$\$ that will be paid to employees. They are considered well-paid or highly paid. There will be a range from approx. \$90,000 (for the cleaners) up to \$300,000-\$400,000 depending on their roles and experience. The higher paid roles are for the geologists and specialist engineers. They will all receive specialist training and it is hoped they will all be New Zealanders and recruited locally.

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Below is a link to page on the NZ Minerals Council website, which highlights some key economic facts on the mining industry. Within that it states that the average pay in the NZ mining sector is just over \$100,000 (more than \$40,000 higher than the NZ average).

[Economics : Mining's Contribution to the NZ Economy](#)

I hope that helps.

Let me know if you need anything more and also if you have been able to confirm when you will visit New Plymouth?

I will need to come back to you tomorrow on the answers to all those questions – though most are in these documents.

Are you still planning to come to New Plymouth and are you still interested in meeting with the project supporters I mentioned?

Thanks and Cheers Erica

From: Jessica Tyson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 14 July 2025 3:11 pm
To: Erica Guy [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Thursday briefing on iwi consultation

Kia ora Erica and Toka,

Thank you so much Erica for helping to organise this and for your availability Toka. I look forward to our kōrero this Thursday.

I have just scheduled a Zoom call for us. Please see the info and link below:

Topic: Jessica Tyson's Zoom Meeting
Time: Thursday, Jul 17, 2025 09:00 AM Auckland, Wellington
Join Zoom Meeting [REDACTED]

Meeting ID: [REDACTED]

Ngā manaakitanga,

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On Mon, Jul 14, 2025 at 3:01 PM Erica Guy [REDACTED] wrote:

Kia ora Jess,

Good to touch base today and, as discussed, Toka is available on Thursday at 9am to brief you off-record on the consultation that he undertook with iwi in Taranaki relating to Trans-Tasman Resources' Taranaki VTM project.

Let me know if you are happy to send a meeting invite to Toka and myself (otherwise I can) and we will see you on Thursday?

Thank you

Ngā mihi Erica

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15 August 2025

Emma Gardiner
Pouwhakarae
Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust

Email: [REDACTED]

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My team remains of the belief that the project offers some very real benefits to you and your iwi members – in terms of jobs and skills development – and are hopeful that we can engage constructively.

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Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Ngā mihi,

Alan Eggers

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15 August 2025

Rachel Arnott
Kaiwhakahaere
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust

Email: [REDACTED]

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Alan Eggers

TTR Executive Chairman

15 August 2025

Renee Bradley
Tumu Whakahaere
Te Kaahui o Rauru

Email: [REDACTED]

Kia ora Renee

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Alan Eggers

TTR Executive Chairman

From: Pouwhakarae - Te Korowai o Ngaruahine [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, 21 August 2025 9:00 am

To: Erica Guy [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Letter from TTR

Tēnā koe Alan korua ko Erica

This is a curtesy email to acknowledge the receipt of your email and that I hope to get back to you next week. Unfortunately I've only just received this email.

Hei te wiki,

Emma



EMMA GARDINER
Pouwhakarae

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Te Kaahui o Rauru

26 August 2025

Trans-Tasman Resources Limited
PO Box 10 571
Wellington 6143
[REDACTED]

Attention: Alan Eggers

Teena koe,

We are writing to you in response to your letter dated 15 August 2025, in which you have sought a meeting with Te Kaahui o Rauru to discuss the Taranaki VTM project "as a means to better understand [our] position opposing [your] project and to identify where there may be opportunities to find resolution".

Your project

As a starting point for any discussion, we note that this project has a long history with prior proceedings concerning opposition (including our own) to the project in both the Environmental Protection Authority (the **Authority**) and the senior courts.

As a result of the Supreme Court decision, this project was due to be reconsidered by the Authority but that process was cut short following your withdrawal of the application on 28 March 2024. We note that this project was announced to be included as a listed project within Schedule 2 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the **Act**) as early as 6 October 2024, with that Act being enacted on 24 December 2024. Finally, we note that Trans-Tasman Resources lodged its project listing application for the Taranaki VTM Project on 23 April 2025.

Your engagement with us to date

In our view, there has been ample opportunity for you to seek meaningful and genuine engagement with Ngaa Rauru Kaitahi. We therefore consider the timing of this request to be extremely disappointing. For the avoidance of doubt:

- We consider that Trans-Tasman Resources has not undertaken, or attempted to undertake, any *meaningful* engagement with Te Kaahui o Rauru to date in respect of the Taranaki VTM Project.
- That is, for engagement to be meaningful it must also be *genuine*. Despite having made our views on the proposed activity clear to you over a number of years, we consider that your

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approach to the application process(es) to date has not demonstrated any genuine desire to seek to address our significant concerns.

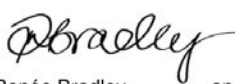
- In particular, your decision to withdraw from the Authority's reconsideration process and later make an application for the very same project under the fast-track approvals process, without any further discussion with us or any of the iwi parties for that matter, has demonstrated a blatant disregard for our strong views on the project (which you continue to be well aware of).
- Our participation in these proceedings over the years has come at an enormous cost (both in time and monetary terms) to our people. There has been little regard shown by Trans-Tasman Resources for these effects.
- As a result of this, it appears clear to us that you are unwilling to allow for any change in outcome or approach – notwithstanding the project's adverse effects on our traditional rohe and maatauranga, which we have continuously reiterated in previous application processes.
- The timing constraints around the present engagement make it impossible for us to arrange a hui in the appropriate manner, which we would otherwise ordinarily seek to do.

Notwithstanding these significant concerns with your approach to engagement, we are willing to meet with you, preferably aa-kanohi, given, as you have noted in your letter, the truncated statutory timeframes that apply under the fast-track approvals process.

As a related matter, we note that the Convener has recommended that arrangements be made for a panel briefing session and a site (or wider location) visit, "ideally both to be undertaken prior to the invitation to comment being issued (which will be due on 8 September" (at paragraph 11 of the Minute dated 12 August 2025). We therefore assume that your proposed approach to these matters will be discussed with us at our meeting.

Please let us know the times/dates you are available to meet at the earliest convenience.

Naa maaua noa, naa

 
Renée Bradley and Tahinganui Hina

Te Kaahui o Rauru Trust

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27 August 2025

Renée Bradley and Tahinganui Hina
Te Kaahui o Rauru Trust

[REDACTED]

Kia ora Renée and Tahinganui,

Thank you for your letter and for being willing to meet with us, aa-kanohi.

We respect your views on our engagement with you to date and also note there has been considerable costs incurred by Trans-Tasman Resources in attempting to progress its Taranaki VTM project, including paying for some of your legal fees.

Our team believes that our proposed operations will have no adverse effects on your traditional rohe and maatauranga. We are happy to discuss our proposed operating conditions and management plans that have been developed to protect the marine environment, including traditional shellfish gathering areas, when we meet.

You may have noted that we have now been called by the expert panel to provide it with a briefing in Auckland on September 2. At that briefing, we intend to provide an overview of the project and present information on matters raised in the expert panel's minute, such as the conditions and management plans, key evidence and legal tests. We support a site visit, and expect to discuss this at the briefing, which we also understand will be recorded for transparency.

You are also correct that the project has a long history and engagement between us could have been better. We therefore genuinely welcome the opportunity to meet and suggest we do that in person in Hāwera on September 9 at 10am or 3.30pm, or September 10 at 10am.

Please let us know if you are available at one of the times and dates suggested above.

Thank you

Ngā mihi

Alan Eggers
Executive Chairman
Trans-Tasman Resources

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11 September 2025

Rachel Arnott
Kaiwhakahaere
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust

Email: [REDACTED]

Kia ora Rachel,

Thank you for meeting with my team to discuss our Taranaki VTM application to harvest iron sands containing critical minerals in the South Taranaki Bight.

While it was good to meet and engage, we accept that you remain opposed to our project.

Despite this, we are committed to working with you to help us both gain a better understanding of each other's positions and to find common ground, where there is.

As we discussed, the 2025 application to gain the approvals needed to mine the seabed is a new application and there has been considerable work done to update and prepare material for the application. This work includes developing a new pre-feasibility study (and metallurgical reports), an independent economic assessment, updated environmental reports on the plume and marine life, and updating consultation documents. The work addresses shortfalls identified in the rulings of the Supreme Court and what came from the Hawera hearing, as far as it went.

We accept there is a lot of information.

At the meeting we also canvassed the cultural effects and impacts, and indicated we didn't feel it was appropriate for Trans-Tasman Resources to interpret the cultural effects as that is best done by mana whenua. While TTR had sought and paid for a cultural impact statement from you some years ago, this was never forthcoming.

It was good to agree on some next steps from our meeting. These include sharing the project management conditions with you, providing details of interactions and payments in regards to sourcing a cultural impact statement from you, and enabling our lawyers to co-operate better by copying in when there is any information provided to the expert panel. We also look forward to receiving some feedback from you on a process going forward.

Thank you again for taking the time.

Nga mihi,



Alan Eggers
TTR Executive Chairman

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11 September 2025

Renée Bradley and Tahinganui Hina
Te Kaahui o Rauru Trust

[REDACTED]

Kia ora Renée and Tahinganui,

Thank you for meeting with Phil, Erica and myself to discuss our Taranaki VTM application to harvest iron sands containing critical minerals in the South Taranaki Bight.

My team appreciates and recognises many of the points you raised regarding engagement with Ngaa Rauru, especially in relation to our latest application under the Fast Track Approvals Act.

We also acknowledge that you remain opposed to the application, and that you believe we have not made sufficient effort to address your expectations in regards to Te Tiriti obligations.

The meeting canvassed a range of areas including some of the conditions that would apply and that we would like to work with you on, such as marine monitoring, and technical and environmental reference groups. We also talked about some of the updated environmental and economic work that has been done.

It was good to have an open, frank discussion with you.

It is our understanding that you are meeting with your trustees this weekend and our project will be an agenda item.

I wanted to take this opportunity to reinforce my offer to meet with Ngaa Rauru to present the project and answer questions.

We will give consideration and thought to an engagement plan and open-source information.

Thank you again for taking the time.

Nga mihi,



Alan Eggers

TTR Executive Chairman

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From: Erica Guy

Sent: Friday, 12 September 2025 3:04 pm

To: Office [REDACTED]

Cc: Alan Eggers [REDACTED]

Subject: Information request

Kia ora Rachel,

As discussed, please find attached a document which contains emails, letters, meeting notes and payment transaction details regarding TTR obtaining a cultural impact statement from Ngāti Ruanui. These relate to a period from 2013 to 2017. Also included is a letter from 2023 that captures all of the information.

Enjoy your weekend.

Nga mihi,

Erica

TTR Impact Assessment 2016

6.3 Consultation Outcomes

6.3.1 Introduction

Further to the consultation described in Section 6.2, TTR's general principle for consultation with the existing interest parties has been through the following process:

- TTR provided a suite of project information that described the project that consent was being requested and included the results of various technical reports / assessments that support the application. All stakeholders were provided the opportunity to request detail reports and further information on the project. TTR required parties to sign a Confidentiality Agreement as the detailed technical and scientific reports contained information that was developed at significant cost and effort to TTR, and its uncontrolled release would not only disqualify future patent applications but would cause unreasonable prejudice to TTR's commercial position as it could be used by its competitors to their advantage. In circumstances where parties were not prepared to sign this agreement the sensitive information was not released.
- Following the provision of the project information, TTR invited parties to participate in meetings providing the opportunity to discuss the project and to enable face to face discussions to occur. Not all parties accepted the invitation however, in some cases only a single meeting occurred and for others many meetings took place.
- Where requested, generally between meetings, TTR provided additional information in response to queries, comments and questions raised by interested parties. This information typically consisted of draft conditions, management plans, and responses to specific queries on matters within technical reports that warranted further technical response. This information allowed for various parties to provide feedback into the project specifically around draft conditions and management plans. Where relevant to the project and considered appropriate by TTR, this feedback has been incorporated into the related documents.
- As a final stage of consultation, TTR attempted to reach an agreed position with parties that identified points of agreement and disagreement. Where prepared, these have been included in the summaries below.

The sub-sections below provide an overview of the consultation undertaken with particular 'existing interest' parties and stakeholders.

6.3.2 Ngāti Ruanui

A disappointing aspect of the engagement process to date has been the lack of participation by Te Runanga o Ngāti Ruanui, the recognised mandated representative body for Ngāti Ruanui on environmental matters.

From the beginning TTR has made it clear that it recognised Ngāti Ruanui's position as tangata whenua. Ngāti Ruanui made a point of referring to the legal costs it had accrued as part of TTR's withdrawn appeal and identified it as a potential stumbling block. As a gesture of good faith and in the interest of developing a positive, open and principled engagement, TTR agreed to cover all Ngāti Ruanui's legal costs relating to TTR's withdrawn appeal. Despite this, and other continued initiatives, any attempts to engage constructively with Ngāti Ruanui (which have been documented), have met with little success.

As part of this new application process, TTR has only been able to meet with Ngāti Ruanui on one occasion, which was in September 2015. The meeting concluded with an agreement that Ngāti Ruanui would complete a CIA, which would be financed by TTR. However, despite continuing

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efforts from TTR, Ngāti Ruanui are yet to progress this, and as such TTR engaged an independent consultant to complete a CVA (summarised in Section 4.11.2). TTR and the independent consultant remain open to consulting with Ngāti Ruanui at any stage throughout the consenting process.

On 16 May 2016, TTR sent an email to Ngāti Ruanui in good faith. The email stated that as TTR continued to maintain a desire to develop a meaningful, positive, and open relationship with mana whenua they included a copy of the proposed consent conditions specifically identifying the conditions which were drafted in an attempt to provide for ongoing tangata whenua involvement, as well as proposed measures to address effects on cultural values.

In a response to TTR's email, Ms Debbie Packer (on behalf of Ngāti Ruanui) on 20 May 2016, made the following unsubstantiated assertions about the breakdown in consultation, which have been summarised below:

- That despite having received the proposed conditions, comprehensive stakeholder package, being part of the Iwi fishing forum and personally meeting with the management of TTR, Ngāti Ruanui continued to be unclear about TTR's environmental practises, and restated their need of all TTR's detailed science data in order to assess the validity of the conditions proposed;
- That they regarded the required confidentiality agreement as non-commercial because it placed restrictions on Ngāti Ruanui. Ngāti Ruanui regarded this as an unprecedented move and pointed to this as being the single aspect responsible for the breakdown in the engagement process;
- That TTR's intent to show good faith and communicate with Ngāti Ruanui continued to fall short of Ngāti Ruanui's best practice engagement protocols that they routinely apply to the numerous energy companies they engage with;
- That despite Ngāti Ruanui continuously appealing for transparency of information, specifically the science environmental research, Ngāti Ruanui considered that TTR has 'stonewalled' them, leaving mana whenua as kaitiaki in the unenviable position of not being able to qualify or determine TTR's best environmental practises;
- That Ngāti Ruanui did not support or recognise the report provided by the Iwi Fisheries Forum and were offended that Ngāti Ruanui would be expected to complete a CIA in the absence of environmental data;
- That Ngāti Ruanui had made numerous attempts to communicate their concerns to TTR through the Chair, legal counsel and more recently they engaged a communications advisor to facilitate their view to TTR, which has not been validated;
- That Ngāti Ruanui has met with EPA at the Iwi Chairs Forum in Waitangi suggesting solutions to get objective environmental research with Ngāti Ruanui offering to pay half as TTR wouldn't disclose information. Ngāti Ruanui assert that this was initially supported but when the EPA manager returned to Wellington the offer was rescinded;
- That the communications and politics involving the undermining of Ngāti Ruanui from TTR (as shared with TTR Chair and TTR legal counsel) has been fraught and resulted in Ngāti Ruanui displacement through this process;
- That Ngāti Ruanui has attempted numerous times to resolve and will remain open minded however, until TTR shares it data, there is little that can be done at this stage; and

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- That Ngāti Ruanui noted that under the previous application, TTR disclosed all information, although the methodology kept changing, the communications was of higher quality.

On 26 May 2016, TTR responded to Ms Packer's email stating:

"Whilst we do not agree with the assertions you make regarding the provision of this information I can only reiterate that TTR and its Board remains committed to establishing a relationship with Ngāti Ruanui and as such, TTR continues to be available to meet at your convenience to discuss the project and all the information provided."

No further response has since been received from Ngāti Ruanui.

Despite the unsuccessful consultation process, TTR recognises that Ngāti Ruanui holds mana whenua over the project area and acknowledge that Ngāti Ruanui did not support the first marine consent application and, therefore, believe they are unlikely to support this application.

TTR has provided Ngāti Ruanui with all the available information throughout the process and has provided multiple opportunities to access the detailed and, in some case confidential, scientific reports. TTR has continued to try to engage with Ngāti Ruanui to better understand their concerns and where possible find ways to address them. TTR remains willing to engage with them at any time. However, in order to progress the marine consent and marine discharge consent applications, as described in Section 4.11.2 of this IA, TTR engaged Mr Tahu Potiki to provide a CVA of the project area with a specific focus on Ngāti Ruanui.

6.3.3 Te Tai Hauauro Iwi Fishing Forum

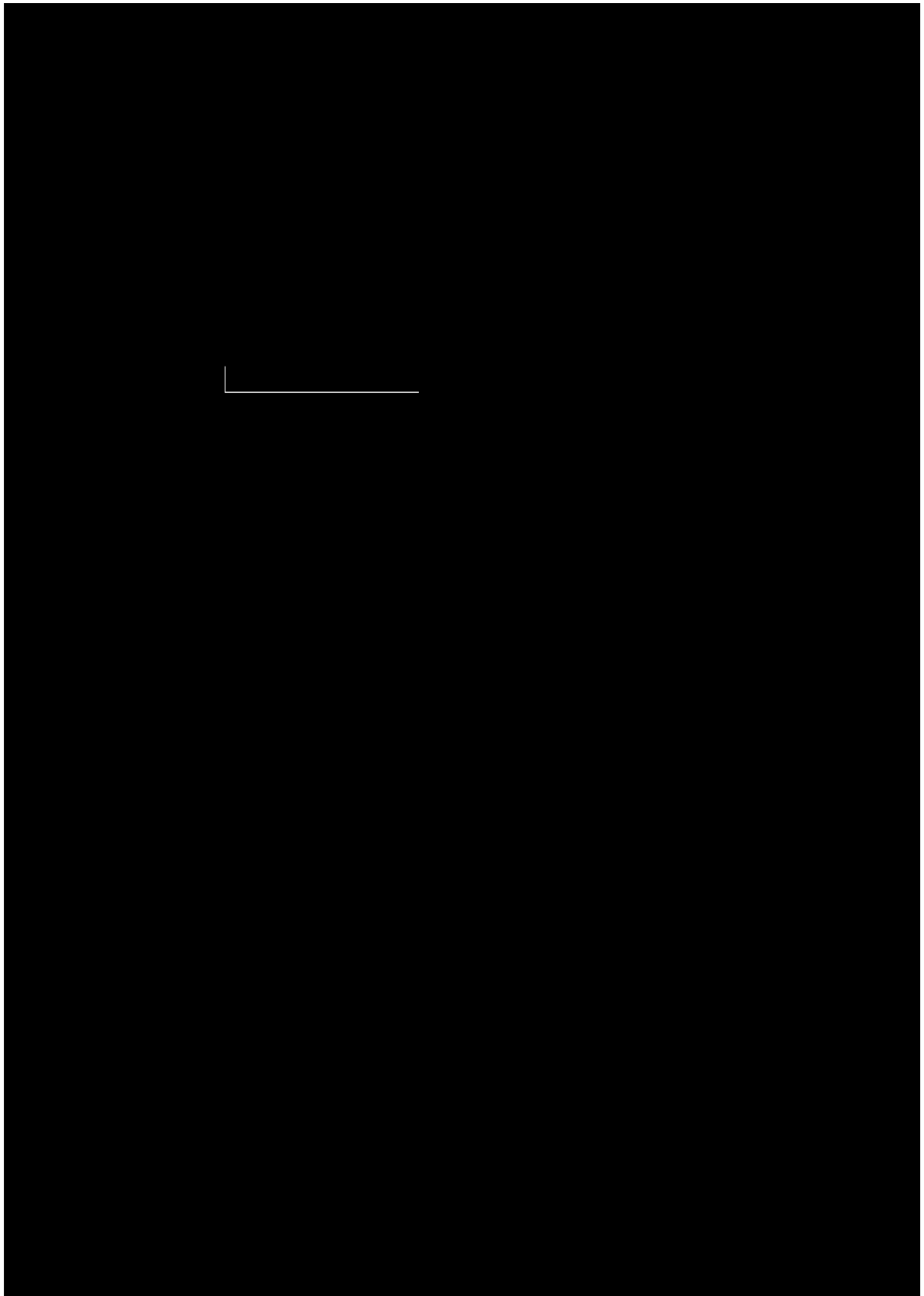
Consultation was undertaken with the Iwi Fisheries Forum as part of the pre-application process for this application. As part of the consultation, TTR was afforded the opportunity to present their stakeholder engagement package to the Iwi Fisheries Forum at Pungarehu Marae up the Whanganui River. The information was well received and some good discussions evolved. TTR has had a very good working relationship with the Iwi Fisheries Forum.

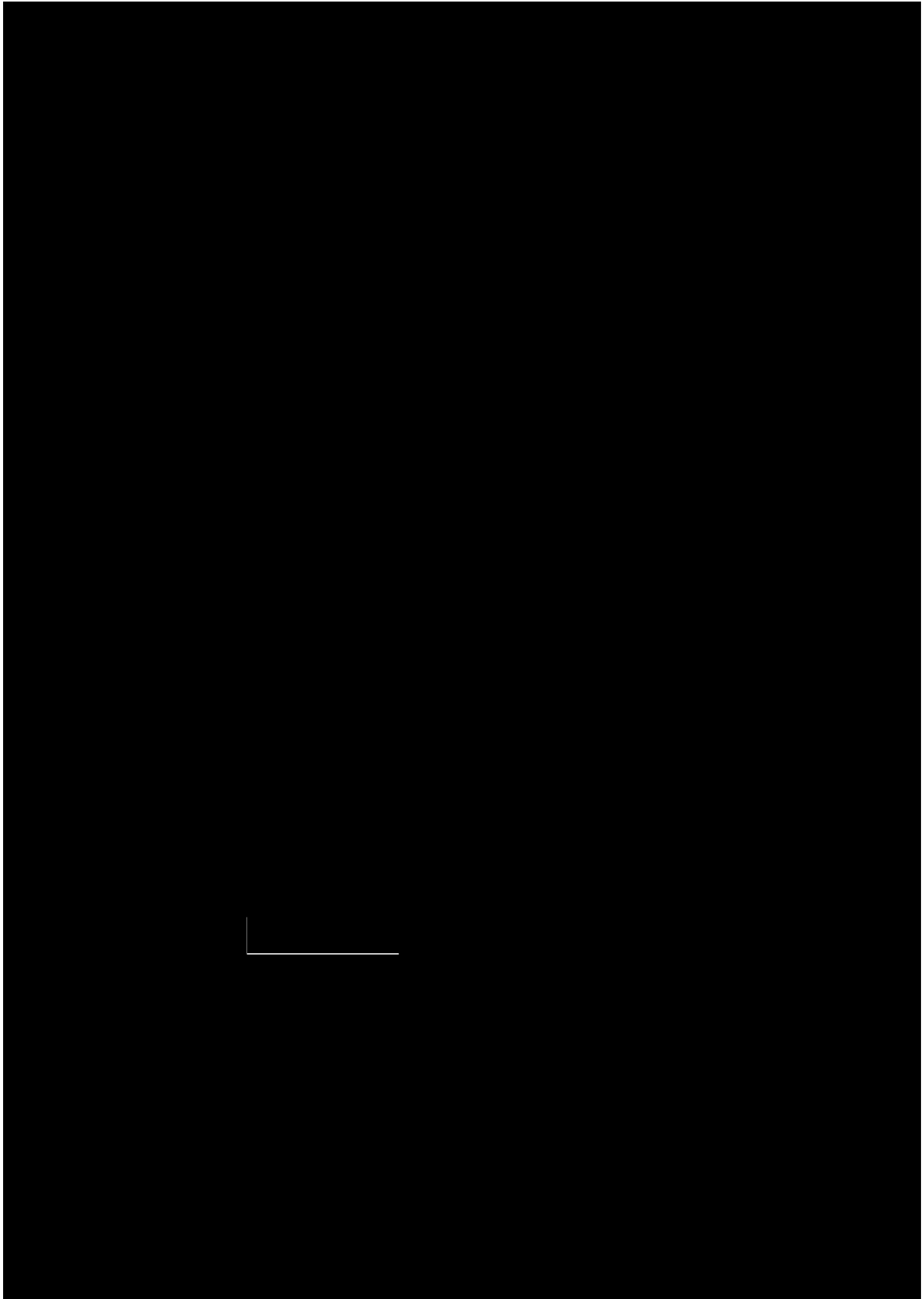
As a direct result of the consultation process, the Iwi Fisheries Forum prepared the Forum Report, a detailed cultural values assessment that informs TTR of their customary interests within the project area and includes potential measures to be incorporated into the project to provide for any potential adverse cultural impacts that may result from the project. Where these measures were directly related to the project they have been included in the proposed consent conditions provided for in Attachment 1 of this IA. The Forum Report and mitigation measures have been discussed in detail in Section 4.11.3 of this IA.

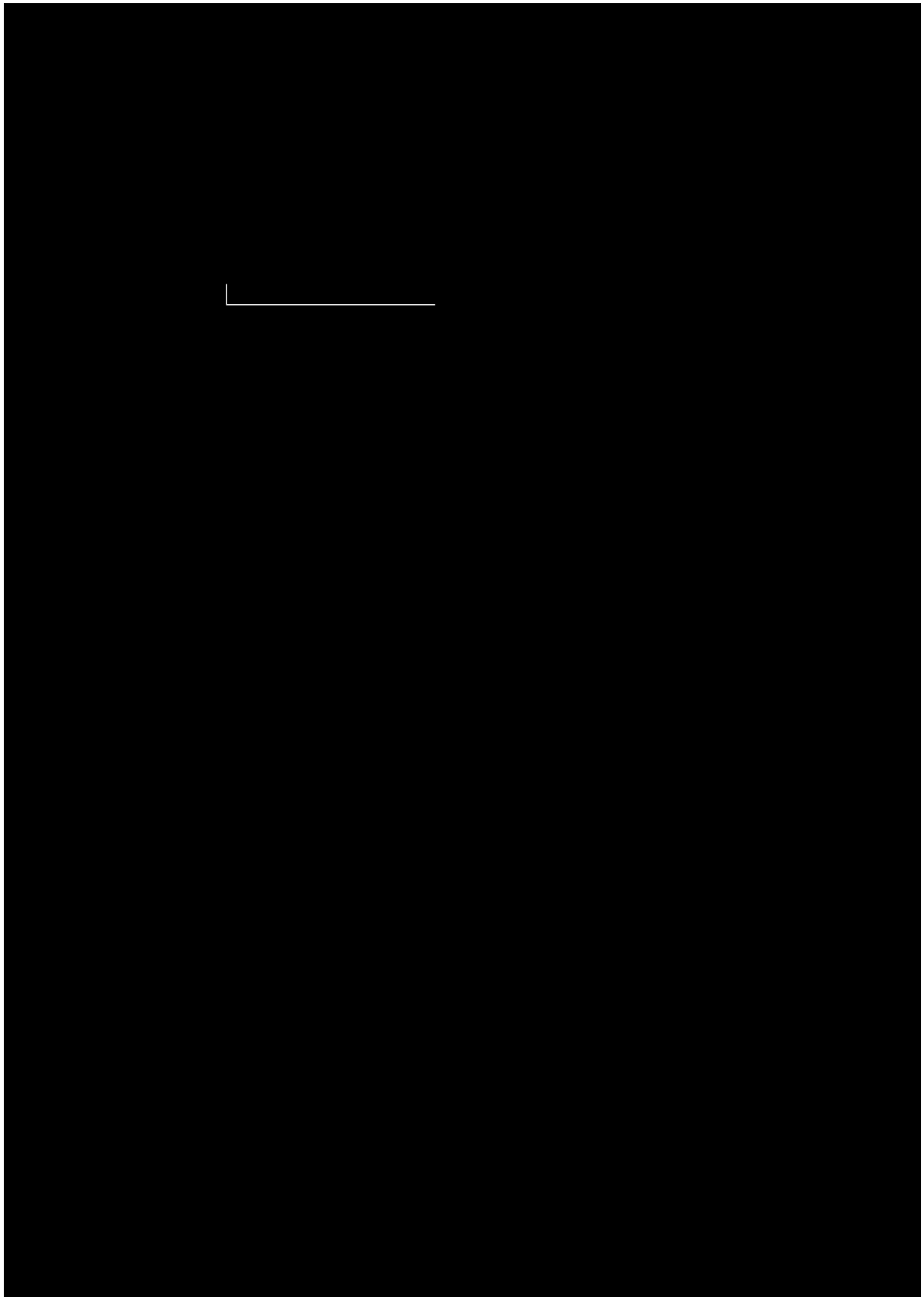
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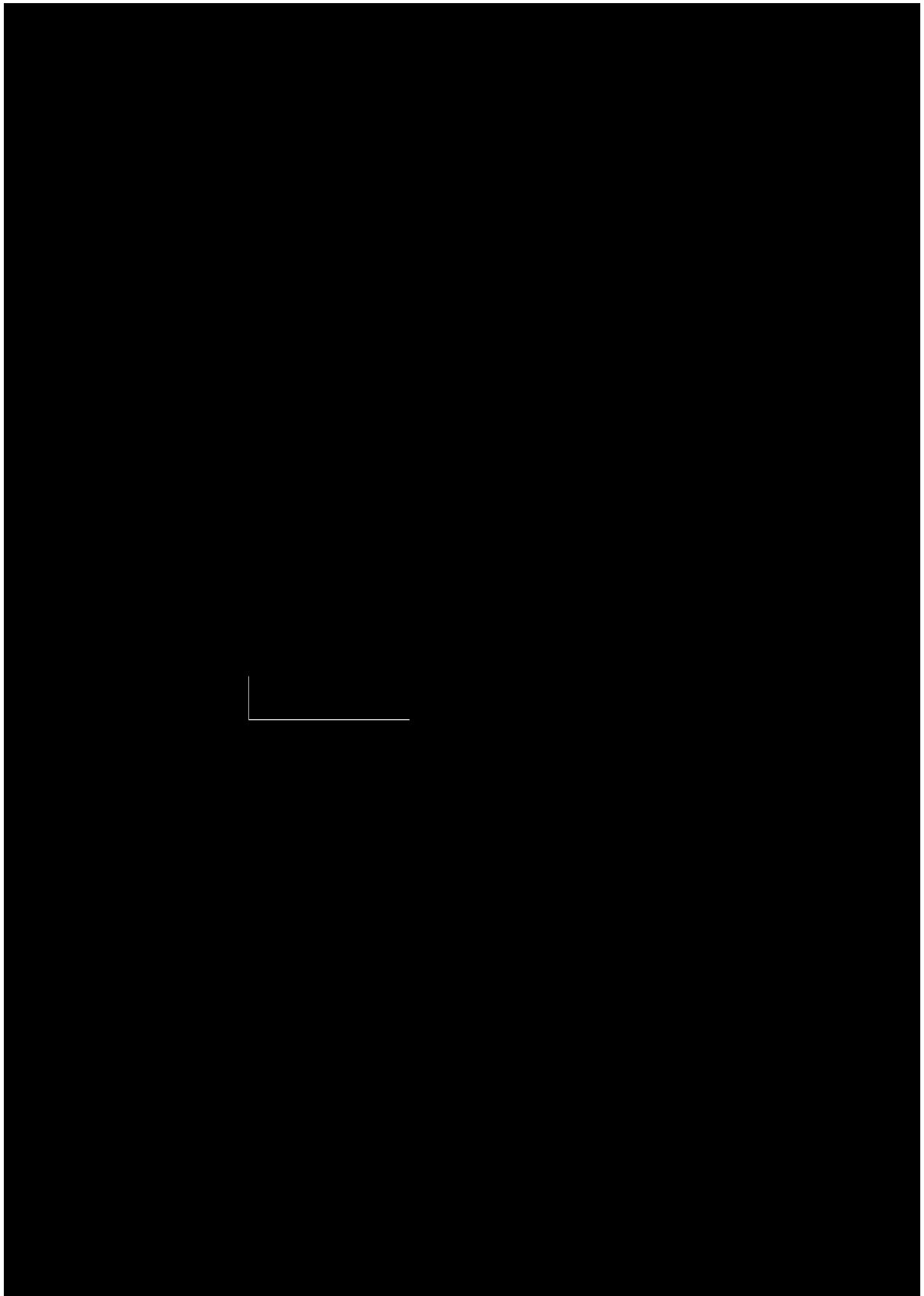
Engagement and discussions with the CEO and Chair of Te Korowai o Nga Ruahine have occurred to brief them about the status of our new marine consent and marine discharge consent application. TTR met with CEO and Chair formally to present TTR's stakeholder engagement package and respond immediately to any issues that were raised. TTR encouraged the leadership of Nga Ruahine to communicate what other engagements they would like within their iwi. There were no requests made however, recently they did ask for a confidentiality agreement to enable them to access the more detailed reports. TTR sent Te Korowai o Nga Ruahine a confidentiality agreement to sign late June 2016, however no response has been received to date.

As identified above, consultation was undertaken with the Iwi Fisheries Forum, of which Nga Ruahine are a part of, as part of the pre-application process for this application.









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Record of Telephone Meeting

27 January 2016

Alan J Eggers call to Debbie Packer Chair Ngati Ruanui

Following our meeting with Ngati Ruanui in Hawera in September 2015 and numerous requests for a one on one meeting for AJE and Debbie Packer (all documented by TTR) Mike Holm arranged a phone meeting for 1100 NZST 27 January 2016 for AJE with Debbie Packer.

The phone meeting lasted around 40 minutes. A summary of the key issues covered and comments are:

AJE thanked Debbie for taking the call, suggested that a one on one meeting would have been preferably but due to AJE's travel commitments and Debbie's schedule over recent months this had not been achieved.

AJE advised that TTR remained on schedule to lodge its Marine Consent application with EPA in mid February 2016 and, despite our agreement to work together to deal with Ngati Ruanui's assessment of the application and supporting information and for Ngati Ruanui to undertake a cultural impact assessment (CIA) based on the TTR information no progress had been made.

It was explained that time is now very short and TTR would like to resolve with Ngati Ruanui its concerns regarding the confidentiality of its information, deal with any concerns they have over the STB iron sands mining proposal and have the CIA completed.

Debbie suggested that despite the delivery of the Stakeholder Engagement Package to Ngati Ruanui little had changed from the original application and she made a number of unsubstantiated claims including:

Ngati Ruanui have been trying to communicate with TTR regularly with an established email trail to no effect as TTR doesn't respond;

Ngati Ruanui had been unable to get responses to its concerns from TTR and had been forced to go to the media (4 December 2015 Taranaki Times) to get answers;

Ngati Ruanui has been approached by the oil & gas industry including Shell and Origin, the fishing industry, iwi chairs and groups and community leaders, stakeholders and recreational groups with their concerns and expressing their frustration at TTR not providing information, not being transparent and just dismissing their concerns and questions with "spin" and comments to the effect that all their questions and concerns on the proposal have been addressed;

TTR are going around stating that if Ngati Ruanui don't complete the CIA TTR will get someone else to complete the assessment;

TTR's story is "shakey with no credibility";

Ngati Ruanui have been requesting answers to a list of 35 questions from TTR for months with no response;

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Ngati Ruanui has a list of names of community and iwi leaders including lawyers and accountants that have expressed serious concerns about the validity of our information, the lack of information and transparency and have a different insight into the proposal than TTR with a huge "gap in our story";

TTR has consistently failed to address any of these questions or concerns;

TTR are really just here to "rape and pillage" whilst promising jobs and developments that don't exist;

Ngati Ruanui's environmental department (Graham Young) has over 35 years experience in these sorts of developments and hasn't been able to get his concerns and questions answered;

There is a lack of real information from TTR being provided;

TTR are insisting that Ngati Ruanui provide the names of the 7,000 iwi constituents to provide the information;

Debbie was upset about being "pestered for a meeting" during her holidays over the Xmas New Year period; and

TTR's staff, consultants and advisers do not have the "mana" to present creditably or transparently and the information is lacking and doesn't address their concerns and issues.

She would look at getting information requested to TTR when she returns from leave.

Despite her agreeing to a meeting in the next week or 2 prior to Xmas Debbie hadn't made herself available or responded to emails or phone calls to agree to a convenient time and place to meet.

AJE explained the need for the confidentiality agreements and that they only applied to the underlying expert reports for their experts to review should they require them and there would be no restriction on Ngati Ruanui discussing the Stakeholder Engagement package information with their 7,000 constituents;

AJE advised that TTR were not getting any other group to complete the CIA;

Advise we have full confidence in all our staff, consultants and advisers and in the accuracy and validity of the information we are providing; and

Ngati Ruanui would be addressing the iwi chairs at Whitangi Day meetings and will be advising that due to the lack of information, transparency and unanswered questions they could not recommend any support for the project and it should be opposed.

AJE requested that Debbie and Ngati Ruanui:

Send to AJE their list of unanswered questions so they can be addressed;

Send the list of 35 community leaders and stakeholders with concerns so we can contact them and address their issues; and

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Advise when they will have the CIA completed (as agreed in September 2015) and costs involved for TTR to complete its Marine Consent application.

AJE explained that TTR had made every possible effort to engage with Ngati Ruanui positively and work with them to address their concerns and have the CIA prepared with no material progress over 12 months.

*Alan J Eggers
Perth WA
27 January 2016*

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From: kaiairataki: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 18 February 2015 9:31 PM
To: Alan Eggers [REDACTED]
Cc: kaiairataki: [REDACTED] Shawn Thompson [REDACTED]
Matt Brown [REDACTED] Andrew Stewart [REDACTED] Haimona
Maruera [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Ngati Ruanui Legal Costs TTR Appeal

Tena koe e te Rangatira Alan
Thank you for the email we appreciate that your understood our concerns this goes a long way to developing a great relationship. Our Chairperson Haimona Maruera has asked that I pass on his respect and acknowledgement of the spirit intended.
Thank you
Nga Mihi

Debbie Packer
Kaiairataki

On 18/02/2015, at 2:30 pm, Alan Eggers [REDACTED] wrote:

Kia ora Debbie,

I gather Shawn Thompson has left a message on your phone, hoping to speak to you before I sent this email regarding the issue of Ngati Ruanui's legal costs relating to TTR's abandoned high court appeal.

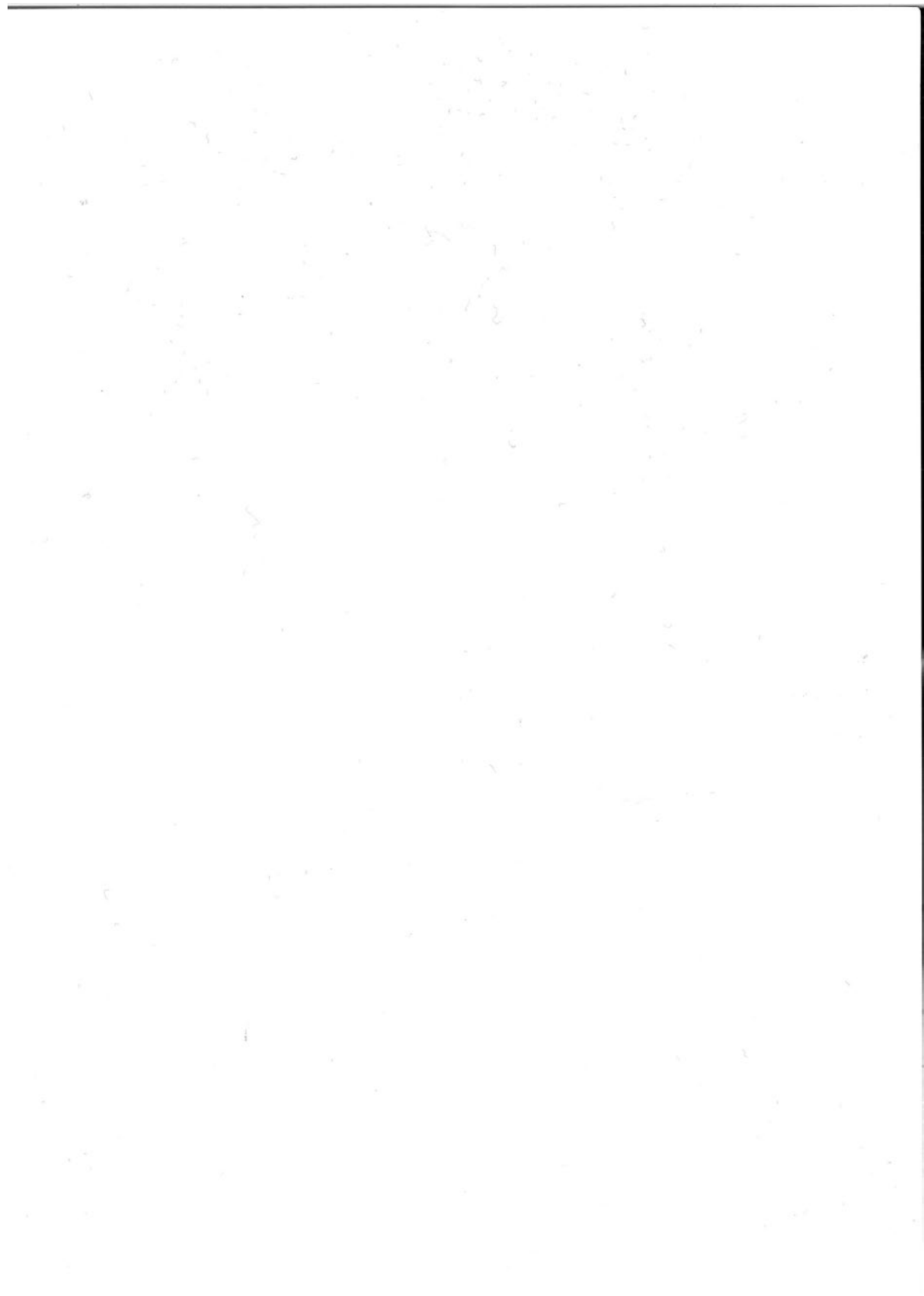
Debbie, in addressing your comments to Shawn regarding the settlement of appeal related legal costs; TTR has reviewed its position with regards to Ngati Ruanui and firstly we would like to acknowledge that TTR recognises Ngati Ruanui's position as Tangata Whenua and hence as a gesture of good faith and in the interest of removing any potential stumbling block to developing a positive, open and principled engagement, TTR has now agreed to cover Ngati Ruanui's legal costs relating to the appeal.

I trust that you receive this gesture in the spirit that it is made and look forward, together with Shawn and Toka, in developing a foundation from which a meaningful relationship with Ngati Ruanui can develop.

To facilitate this payment could you please provide an invoice and any supporting information?

Nga Mihi
Alan J Eggers
Executive Chairman

TRANS-TASMAN RESOURCES LIMITED
Tel: [REDACTED]
Mob: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]



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Creditor:	OCEAN	Period:	Mar: 2015 ends 31/03/2015
Invoice #:	T12015	Date:	19/02/2015
Order #:		Due Date:	20/03/2015
From:	Ocean Law		
Description:	Scales Costs Ngati Ruauui		
Amount:	7,518.79	Colour:	None
By Account	By Item		

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Transactions for OneDrive Database									
Trans-Tasman Resources Limited									
Status	Order No.	Invoice No.	Name	From (Description)	Period	Date	Net	GST	Gross
P		10174	TERNGA	Te Runanga o Ngati Ruahui (Environ - Review	Jul	31/05/2013	5,467.00	820.05	6,287.05
P		10229	TERNGA	Te Runanga o Ngati Ruahui (Environ - Review	Jul	31/03/2014	15,786.00	2,367.90	18,153.90
P		10205	TERNGA	Te Runanga o Ngati Ruahui (Environ - Review	Jul	30/09/2013	19,624.00	2,943.60	22,567.60
P		10168	TERNGA	Te Runanga o Ngati Ruahui (Environ - Review	Apr	1/04/2013	14,234.00	2,135.10	16,369.10
							55,111.00	8,266.65	63,377.65

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19 July 2023

Stuart Smith MP
National Party Spokesperson Energy and Resources
Parliament Buildings
Wellington 6160

By email: stuart.smith@parliament.govt.nz

INQUIRY INTO SEABED MINING – IWI CONSULTATION AND COSTS

Dear Stuart

I refer to your email of 19 July 2023 requesting clarification of payments made to Ngāti Ruanui to prepare a Cultural Impact Statement (CIS) for Trans-Tasman Resources Limited's (TTR) applications for environmental consents to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

TTR has prepared two EPA applications for environmental marine and discharge consents as required under the EEZ Act for its proposed iron sands mining operation in the South Taranaki Bight (STB).

These consents, applied for in 2013 and 2016, require CIS's generally prepared by the relevant iwi with mana whenua over the area of the proposed operations.

We identified Te Runanga o Ngāti Ruanui (Ngāti Ruanui) as mana whenua for the area of TTR's proposed operations and their role and obligations as kaitiaki over the rohe within the area.

In 2013, for our first EPA environmental consent application, Ms Debbie Ngarewa-Packer for Ngāti Ruanui agreed to provide the CIS for our application provided we covered their costs in preparing their report.

From 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 TTR made four payments to Ngāti Ruanui for a total of **\$63,377.65** for them to prepare the CIS (refer attached Transaction Costs Ngāti Ruanui 2013 2015). Ngāti Ruanui failed to produce a CIS for TTR.

In June 2014 the EPA's Decision Making Committee declined TTR's first environmental consent application. TTR immediately appealed this decision to the High Court.

In December 2014 TTR dropped its appeal to the High Court in favour of preparing and lodging a new application with the EPA for the marine and discharge consents.

As part of preparing the second EPA application we re-engaged with Ngāti Ruanui and asked them to prepare the required CIS.

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On 18 February 2015 Ms Debbie Ngarewa-Packer agreed for Ngāti Ruanui to prepare the CIS provided TTR paid their legal costs associated with dealing with TTR's 2014 appeal to High Court (refer Ngāti Ruanui Emails Court Costs 2015).

On 19 February 2015 TTR made a payment to Ocean Law in Nelson for **\$7,518.79** for Ngāti Ruanui's legal costs (refer attached Transaction Costs Ngāti Ruanui 2013 2015).

On 3 September 2015 Alan J Eggers, Shawn Thompson and Tokatumoana Walden (TTR management) met with Ms Packer and her advisers in Hawera where she again committed to provide the CIS to enable TTR to complete its second EPA application by early 2016.

On 27 January 2016, due to lack of progress by Ngāti Ruanui in preparing and delivering the agreed CIS (for which TTR had agreed to pay any further cost to prepare) Alan J Eggers had a phone meeting with Ms Packer to endeavour to meet her concerns and have the CIS delivered (refer attached Ngāti Ruanui Phone Meeting Notes 27Jan16).

On 17 February 2016 TTR's legal advisers Atkins Holm Majurey (AHM) wrote to Ms Ngarewa-Packer requesting a meeting to resolve outstanding issues and have the CIS report completed (refer attached AHM letter to Debbie Packer 17 February 2016).

From February to April 2016 TTR paid AHM **\$20,450.91** for costs directly associated with Ngāti Ruanui's preparation of the CIS (refer attached AHM Invoices Ngāti Ruanui February April 2016).

Due to lack of progress with Ngāti Ruanui in preparing the CIS TTR engaged nearby iwi to prepare a Cultural Values Assessment (CVA). In April 2016 TTR engaged Tahu Potiki and Buddy Mikaere to complete the CVA in 2016 and provide expert evidence for the EPA hearing in 2017.

On 20 May 2016 TTR paid Tahu Potiki **\$21,065.00** (refer attached Tahu Potiki Invoice 20May16) and from November 2016 to March 2017 paid Buddy Mikaere **\$30,039.79** (refer attached Buddy Mikaere Payments 2016 2017).

In October 2016 Ngāti Ruanui then sought to further frustrate and delay the EPA hearing process by seeking an extension of time in order to allow Ngāti Ruanui to consider and consult on the cultural impacts of the application, including TTR's CVA.

This is after TTR first paid Ngāti Ruanui **\$16,369.10 on 1 April 2013** to assess the application and prepare a CIS (see above). AHM wrote to EPA in response to Ngāti Ruanui's request noting TTR had been actively engaged with Ngāti Ruanui since September 2014 on their commitment to complete a CIS that was never provided (refer attached AHM Letter to EPA Ngāti Ruanui 11Oct16).

In summary, TTR has directly paid Ngāti Ruanui **\$70,886.44 to prepare a CIS** they committed to provide but never did.

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TTR has paid Tahu Potiki and Buddy Mikaere \$51,104.79 to provide a CVA and evidence that Ngāti Ruanui committed to provide.

Additional legal fees were paid to AHM of \$20,450.91 to have Ngāti Ruanui meet their commitments to provide a CIS.

In March and April 2017, during the EPA hearing process, we further emailed Ms Debbie Ngarewa-Packer twice requesting a meeting, or a call, to discuss how we might meaningfully engage in the future and re-affirming our commitment to this process (refer attached TTR Engagement with Ngāti Ruanui emails 16Mar 15Apr17). These two requests went unanswered.

We remain committed to establishing a mutually beneficial relationship with Ngāti Ruanui, and other tangata whenua groups who have a relationship with the South Taranaki Bight, and to engage with them in good faith.

Yours sincerely
Trans-Tasman Resources Limited

Alan J Eggers
Executive Chairman

Supporting Documents Attached:

Transaction Costs Ngāti Ruanui 2013 2015
Ngāti Ruanui Emails Court Costs 2015
Ngāti Ruanui Phone Meeting Notes 27Jan16
AHM Letter to Debbie Packer 17 February 2016
AHM Invoices Ngāti Ruanui February April 2016
Tahu Potiki Invoice 20May16
Buddy Mikaere Payments 2016 2017
AHM Letter to EPA Ngāti Ruanui 11Oct16
TTR Engagement with Ngāti Ruanui emails 16Mar 15Apr17

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1 October 2025

Trans-Tasman Resources Limited
PO Box 10 571
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By email: Alan Eggers [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe Alan

This letter is in response to your request to begin engagement and consultation regarding the Trans-Tasman Resources (TTR), Taranaki VTM Project. I understand that three Board election cycles have occurred since you last engaged with Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust (Te Korowai). While you have provided a list of matters you wish to address for the purposes of your Fast-track application, it is important that we first meet kanohi ki te kanohi.

We propose the following options to meet at our tari, 40A Union Street, Te Hāwera:

- Wednesday, 8 October, 10:00am
- Thursday, 9 October, 10:00am
- Friday, 17 October, 9:30am

Please confirm which date works best for you and advise who will be attending from TTR. We extend this invitation to your Board, legal counsel, and strategic and cultural advisors.

It is important to emphasise that this hui alone does not constitute adequate engagement. Rather, it is the initial touchpoint to outline what authentic and comprehensive engagement will entail.

Ngā mihi,

Emma Gardiner
Pouwhakarae
Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust

Cc' Erica Guy [REDACTED]

Cc' Te Aorangi Dillon [REDACTED]

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From: Alan Eggers [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 2 October 2025 8:06 am
To: Pouwhakarae - Te Korowai o Ngaruahine [REDACTED]
Cc: Erica Guy [REDACTED]; Te Aorangi Dillon [REDACTED] Phil Mitchell [REDACTED] Luke Faithfull [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Nicole Buxeda [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Letter from TTR

Good Morning Emma

Thanks for your letter of 1 October 2025.

We appreciate the offer to meet kanohi ki the kanohi and will discuss and respond to your offer and possible dates.

Unfortunately, the 8 and 9 October will have to be ruled out.

TTR have 230 plus invited submitters to our Fast-track Application providing their responses to the Expert Panel 7 October. We have 5 business days for TTR, its counsel, expert advisers and cultural advisers to prepare and submit our responses to the Panel which need to be in by 13 October.

We will be in touch.

Cheers

Alan E



Alan J Eggers
Executive Chairman
TTR GLOBAL LIMITED

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