## **BEFORE THE EXPERT PANEL**

**UNDER** the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

IN THE MATTER OF the Taranaki VTM Project

## MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FILING SUPPLEMENTARY RESPONSE OF DR GANESH NANA



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## MAY IT PLEASE THE PANEL

- 1. This memorandum is filed by counsel for Te Kaahui o Rauru Trust on behalf of Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi in response to the economics joint witness statement (**JWS**) dated 19 November 2025.
- 2. Dr Ganesh Nana was jointly commissioned by Te Kaahui o Rauru Trust, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui and Te Korowai o Ngāruahine (together, the lwi Parties) to provide his expert economic opinion on Trans-Tasman Resources' application for the Taranaki VTM Project.
- 3. Accordingly, Dr Nana submitted his statement to the Panel as part of the iwi parties written comments on 6 October 2025.
- 4. On 10 November 2025, the Panel advised that it would facilitate an expert conference on economics and invited certain experts, including Dr Nana, to participate in that conferencing.<sup>1</sup> The Panel noted that Dr Nana was away overseas during the proposed time/date for the economics conference.<sup>2</sup>
- Unfortunately, Dr Nana was unable to participate in the conference due to connectivity issues. Counsel engaged in discussions with Chancery Green regarding Dr Nana's ability to participate in the conference and to respond to matters raised in the economics JWS.
- 6. Given Dr Nana's inability to participate in the expert conference, Counsel respectfully seek leave from the Panel to file the attached supplementary written response of Dr Nana to the economics JWS, received from Dr Nana overnight.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Minute 20 of the Panel [FTAA-2504-1048], dated 10 November 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> At paragraph 5 of Minute 20.

7. Should the Panel have any concerns or queries in relation to this, Counsel are available to address any matters arising.

**DATED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025

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