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**MINUTE 7 OF THE EXPERT PANEL**

Cultural Advisor: Scope of Work  
Central and Southern Block Mining Project [FTAA-2512-1153]

(6 May 2026)

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- [1] This Minute addresses the scope of work for the mātanga (cultural expert ) and identifies the person that the Panel proposes for this work.
- [2] The Panel proposes to appoint Mr Julian Williams for this role. Mr Williams is a qualified resource management practitioner and independent hearing commissioner. He operates his own consultancy in the Waikato, Te Huia Natural Resources Limited. Mr Williams is of Ngāti Makirangi hapū and Waikato iwi. He is currently engaged on the review of Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato (the Vision and Strategy document), as the Advisor Engagement and Policy for the Waikato River Authority.
- [3] As noted in Minute 1, the Panel has decided that a hui should be held following the receipt of comments on the application. Allowing time for the applicant to respond to those comments as required by the Act (as due on 27 May), the Panel proposes that the hui should held during the first week in June (Tuesday 2 to Friday 5 June).
- [4] The Panel is requesting that Mr Williams assists us in arrangements for this hui and provides advice on tikanga Māori and Treaty settlements frameworks generally. Our expectation is that provision of this advice will include engagement by Mr Williams with mana whenua including the local Marae, on issues of venue and tikanga for the hui.
- [5] The Panel invites comments from all parties invited to the Panel Convenor Conference on the proposed appointment and the scope of work set out above, to be received by **close of business Friday 8 May 2026**.



Dave Serjeant

**Central and Southern Block Mining Project Expert Panel Chair**