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**MINUTE 1 OF THE PANEL CONVENER**  
**Request for Section 51 report**

**Barrytown Minerals Project [FTAA-2605-1238]**

**9 July 2026**

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[1] Tāiko Critical Minerals Limited lodged a substantive application in respect of the Barrytown Minerals Project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) on 8 June 2026. The Application relates to the establishment and operation of a mine site for mineral sand extraction activities on the Southern Block between Fagan Creek and Canoe Creek at Barrytown, West Coast.

[2] In addition to resource consents under the Resource Management Act 1991, the Application seeks the following:

- (a) a wildlife approval under section 42(4)(h) of the Act; and
- (b) an archaeological authority under section 42(4)(i) of the Act.

[3] Pursuant to section 51 of the Act, the panel convener directs the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to obtain the following reports:

*From the Director-General of the Department of Conservation (DOC):*

- (a) a report under clause 3 of Schedule 7 for the wildlife approval (s42(4)(h));

*From Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and the Māori Heritage Council (HNZPT and MHC):*

- (a) a report under clause 3 of Schedule 8 for the archaeological authority (s42(4)(i)).

### **Advice Requested**

[4] The panel convener also directs the EPA to obtain advice from DoC and HNZPT on how the weighting of matters set out in the relevant schedules should be approached, having regard to applicable statutory provisions and relevant senior court decisions (s51(1)).

[5] If DoC and HNZPT do not agree with, or wish to amplify, the expert and planning assessments lodged in support of the application, they must file a report in accordance with the relevant schedule (s51(2)(c)).

[6] DoC and HNZPT may confirm and append advice, including legal advice, previously given in response to directions under section 51 on another project and do not need to provide an assessment if they concur with the Applicant's assessments.

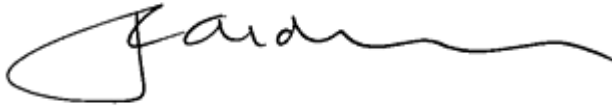
[7] DoC and HNZPT are to respond to the draft conditions, including any management plans attached to the application, recommending tracked changes (if any).

### **Timing**

[8] The report and advice must be provided to the EPA **within 10 working days after the panel invites comments on the application**, in accordance with section 51(4) of the Act.

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

[10] Finally, it would assist the panel convener if DoC and HNZPT are able to indicate their views on the Application at the convener's conference, likely to be scheduled for the weeks commencing either 20 or 27 July 2026.

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Jennifer Caldwell

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