
TARANAKI VTM PROJECT
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MINUTE 31 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Appointment of Expert
Advisors

(9 December 2025)

[1] This minute outlines the appointment of two advisors to support the Taranaki VTM expert panel.

GIS support

[2] Bronwen Gibberd has been engaged to provide technical GIS support for the Taranaki VTM Project. Her role is to digitise and import non-georeferenced maps into GIS. These maps were supplied by various parties during the application and comment phases, with the primary objective being to create accurate spatial data from these sources.

Technical review of finfish and fisheries information

[3] Paul Taylor has been engaged to undertake a technical review of information relating to potential effects on finfish (including sharks) and fisheries (commercial and non-commercial) arising from the proposed iron sand extraction and processing activities associated with the Taranaki VTM Project.

[4] The review will assist the Expert Panel in determining whether the application documents provide a sufficient and reliable basis for understanding the ecological and fisheries-related effects within the proposed project area and surrounding environment.

[5] It is anticipated that the review will:

- (a) Identify ecological effects of concern
- (b) Identify effects on commercial fisheries of concern
- (c) Identify effects on non-commercial fisheries of concern
- (d) Summarise and comment on any disagreements among parties and experts
- (e) Identify key uncertainties in the information and effect assessment

- (f) Assess the quality and adequacy of the information presented, including whether it represents the best available information
- (g) Advise on whether effects can be mitigated or managed, and on any other relevant issues

[6] This review will replace the expert conference on effects on fishing, as referenced in Minute 19.

[7] Any report(s) arising from this technical review will be published on the Fast Track website, and the applicant will be provided with an opportunity to respond or file material in reply.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kit Toogood', is positioned above the printed name.

Hon. Kit Toogood KC
Taranaki VTM Expert Panel chair