

Before the Expert Panel

IN THE MATTER of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

AND

IN THE MATTER an application for approvals by Taharoa Ironsands Limited to continue existing mineral sand extraction, including land preparation works, constructing a water supply reservoir, extracting ironsand material, processing extracted material, and transporting raw and processed material on 911 hectares at Taharoa Road, Taharoa, approximately 8 kilometres south of Kawhia and 45 kilometres northwest of Te Kūiti (Central and Southern Block Mining Project)

**MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF THE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSERVATION**

Re: Panel Facilitated Conference to be held on 22 and 23 July 2026

Dated: 9 July 2026

Counsel for Director-General of Conservation:

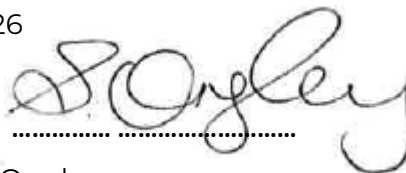


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1. This Memorandum advises on availability issues for the Panel Facilitated Conference intended to be held on 22 and 23 July 2026 in Hamilton.
2. Dr Rhys Burns is available only on 23rd July (DOC's expert in avifauna and herpetofauna). Dr Burns attendance would be essential to discuss the Wildlife Act Approval in particular, as would Jessica Langley. Jessica Langley is based in Hamilton and will be called in if/when the Panel gets to the Wildlife Approval matter.
3. DOC's Planner Jesse Gooding is unavailable. As indicated today, DOC intends that another planner attend the conference in his place, Christina Brodnax, (her email address is [REDACTED])
4. Mr Nigel Binks (DOC freshwater ecologist) is unfortunately not available. Should the Panel consider it necessary, DOC can organise for another freshwater ecologist to be briefed and to attend in his place. In the absence of specific request, DOC would proceed without such expert.
5. Attending both days will be Fleur Maseyk, Catherine Beard and project manager Amy Robinson. James Blyth (hydrologist) can also attend both days, DOC will advise on Monday 13 July whether he is medically fit to travel.
6. DOC's legal counsel does not intend to appear on the basis of the Panel's confirmation that questions by parties must be raised through the Panel.

DATED this 9th day of July 2026



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