
MINUTE 4 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Condition cross checking and Shortjaw Kōkopu
Hunua Quarry Development [FTAA-2603 -1185]
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[1] The purpose of this Minute is to provide the completed condition cross checking exercise of the remaining topics by the Panel to ensure that all recommendations are conditioned and/or included in management plans. In Minute 3 we requested that the Applicant complete this exercise for the ecological recommendations. It also briefly addresses a matter raised in the Department of Conservation's (Department) s 51 Report on Complex Freshwater Fisheries Activities.

[2] The table resulting from our completed (apart from ecology) cross check is attached in **Appendix One**. This table follows on from, so must be read in conjunction with, the Table provided in Minute 3.

[3] As explained in Minute 3, this exercise has **not** assessed whether the conditions provide an adequate basis for the Panel to conclude that any adverse environmental effects of consequence associated with the activity for which consent is sought have been suitably addressed.

[4] The result of Mr McMahon's review identified several minor matters (in red in Appendix One) for the Applicant to consider and briefly respond to at an efficient time, likely with its response to comments.

[5] In its s 51 Report on Complex Freshwater Fisheries Activities the Department raises concerns about the potential for the shortjaw kōkopu to be present in tributaries 3 and 4. The shortjaw kōkopu is a species of conservation

interest, being listed as 'Nationally Vulnerable' and 'Regionally Critical', that has been recorded elsewhere in the wider catchment. As noted by the Department, the Ecological Assessment records that shortjaw kōkopu were not detected by electrofishing in, or eDNA sampling downstream of, Tributary 3, but no such survey is reported for Tributary 4. While we know that the Applicant and Department have been in conversations, and suspect that the Applicant is focused on this very matter, it would greatly assist the Panel for the Applicant to provide a clear and robust response to this matter along with its response to comments (or before if it wishes). That way we can ensure the process continues to run efficiently.



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