

BEFORE THE PANEL CONVENER

Application: FTAA-2512-1153

IN THE MATTER of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA)

AND

IN THE MATTER of an Application by Taharoa Ironsands Limited under section 42 of the FTAA for the Central and Southern Mining Block

**MEMORANDUM OF HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA
IN RESPONSE TO MINUTE OF THE PANEL CONVENER**

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**HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND
POUHERE TAONGA**

Introduction

- 1 This memorandum is filed on behalf of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) in response to the Minute of the Panel Convener dated 13 March 2026 (Minute).
- 2 The Minute seeks input from participants to assist the Convener in making decisions regarding:
 - (a) The appointment of panel members; and
 - (b) The timing of the panel decision.
- 3 The Minute specifically directed a written response to the matters set out and any other matter they would like to raise for discussion at the conference.
- 4 This memorandum responds to this direction and focuses on the archaeological authority (section 42(4)(i)) being sought.

Complexity

- 5 HNZPT has reviewed the Archaeological Assessment (Assessment) and the Draft Archaeological Management Plan (AMP) provided in support of the authority application, both dated October 2025.
- 6 Based on the Assessment and the AMP, HNZPT considers this application is of low complexity.

Issues

- 7 The Assessment also included a proposed set of conditions, in the event the authority is granted. HNZPT has reached out to the Applicant, through counsel to advise that there are some small changes required.

- 8 These are not substantive changes and we are confident that we will be able to reach agreement as to a recommended condition set prior to the section 51 Report being completed.
- 9 HNZPT confirms that there is sufficient information in order to complete the section 51 Report and make a recommendation.

Panel Membership

- 10 In respect of heritage matters, HNZPT does not anticipate that specialist input is required or that there are any factors that warrant the appointment of more than four Panel members.

Procedural Requirements

- 11 HNZPT does not have any comment in relation to the estimated timetable in Schedule 1.

Other Matters

- 12 HNZPT does not have any other matters that it wishes to raise regarding the archaeological authority application.
- 13 HNZPT will be attending the conference on 19 March 2026 and can answer any questions that may arise from this memorandum.



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