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Mōrena Awesta,

Thank you for the opportunity to input into the scope of work for the peer review of the hydrological aspects of the Taharoa application.

The Department of Conservation has engaged its own independent experts to prepare assessments of hydrology and hydrogeology to inform its s53 comments. Waikato Regional Council is likely to have done the same.

As such, DOC respectfully requests that the scope be expanded to include a review of hydrology/hydrogeology reports prepared to support s53 comments from other parties, including identification of any points of agreement/disagreement across all of the hydrology reports.

Additionally, we believe reading the following additional appendices would give Mr Kelsey a more fulsome understanding of the hydrological state and proposed related management of the site:

- Appendices K (wetland assessment)
- L (freshwater ecology)
- BB (proposed conditions)
- DD (wetland management plan)
- EE (lake level management plan)
- T (environmental management plan)
- U (harvest management plan)

We hope the panel finds this useful.

Ngā mihi
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You are receiving this email correspondence as part of an electronic process update for the Central and Southern Blocks Mining Project Fast-Tract Application (the Application) under the Fast-track approvals Act 2024 (the Act).

Minute 10 of the Expert Panel

The Expert Panel has issued the attached Minute, Minute 10 of the Expert Panel, addressing the scope of work for the hydrology/hydrogeology peer review.

The Panel invites comments on the scope of work set out above, to be received by close of business **19 May 2026**.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Awesta Seddiqi, application lead, at info@fasttrack.govt.nz.

Kind regards
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