

Taharoa Ironsands Limited – Central and Southern Blocks Mining Project substantive Fast-track application (Application)

Attachment A - Response to comments received

The comments received on the Application are grouped by topic in the table below. TIL's response to the comments are addressed in separate reports as noted in the final column of the table.

This table is to be read in conjunction with the Memorandum of Counsel dated 22 June 2026 and the attached technical responses.

Topic	Invited Party	Responses to comment from TIL
Overall view on granting of application	▪ The Proprietors of Taharoa C Block Incorporated ▪ Minister for Infrastructure and Minister Responsible for RMA Reform ▪ Minister for Economic Growth ▪ Minister for Māori Development and Minister for Māori Crown Relations ▪ Ministry for Primary Industries – Biosecurity ▪ Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations, and Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage ▪ Waikato Regional Council ▪ Department of Conservation ▪ Waitomo District Council ▪ Ngati Mahuta Ki Te Hauaaauru ▪ Roy Wetini Whanau Trust ▪ Te Nehenehenui ▪ Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated – Waikato Tainui ▪ Mirumiru Pa ki Marokopa - Marokopa Marae	Comments relating to the parties overall views on the Application are addressed in the following documents: ▪ Memorandum of Counsel dated 22 June 2026. ▪ Attachment B – Planning Response.
Regional and National Benefits of the Proposal	▪ The Proprietors of Taharoa C Block Incorporated ▪ Waikato Regional Council ▪ Minister for Economic Growth ▪ Minister for Infrastructure ▪ Minister Responsible for RMA Reform ▪ Te Ruunaunga o Ngāti Mahuta ki to Hauaaruru Charitable Trust ▪ Te Nehenehenui	Comments relating to the regional and national benefits of the Application are addressed in the following documents: ▪ Memorandum of Counsel dated 22 June 2026. ▪ Attachment B – Planning Response. ▪ Attachment N – Taharoa C Response.
Existing environment	▪ Department of Conservation ▪ Te Ruunaunga o Ngāti Mahuta ki to Hauaaruru Charitable Trust ▪ Te Nehenehenui	Comments relating to the existing environment are addressed in the following documents: ▪ Memorandum of Counsel dated 22 June 2026. ▪ Attachment B – Planning Response.

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		Attachment H – Terrestrial Ecology – Fauna and Wetlands Response.
Air Quality (Dust)	- Waikato Regional Council - Ngāti Mahuta ki to Hauaaruru Charitable Trust - Roy Wetini Whanau Trust - Mirumiru Pa ki Marokopa - Marokopa Marae	Comments relating to air quality are addressed in the following documents: - Attachment B – Planning Response. - Attachment M – Air Quality Response.
Hydrology & hydrogeology	- The Proprietors of Taharoa C Block Incorporated - Waikato Regional Council - Department of Conservation - Te Ruunaunga o Ngāti Mahuta ki to Hauaaruru Charitable Trust - Te Nehenehenui - Roy Wetini Whaanau Trust - Mirumiru Pa ki Marokopa - Marokopa Marae	Comments relating to hydrology and hydrogeology are addressed in the following documents: - Attachment B – Planning Response. - Attachment F – Hydrology Response. - Attachment G – Hydrogeology Response.
Discharges to land, water and the CMA	- Te Ruunaunga o Ngāti Mahuta ki to Hauaaruru Charitable Trust - Te Nehenehenui - Mirumiru Pa ki Marokopa - Marokopa Marae	Comments relating to discharges to land, water and the CMA are addressed in the following documents: - Attachment B – Planning Response. - Attachment I – Freshwater Ecology Response. - Attachment C – Coastal Processes Response. - Attachment D – Marine Ecology Response.
Freshwater ecology	- The Proprietors of Taharoa C Block Incorporated - Te Ruunaunga o Ngāti Mahuta ki to Hauaaruru Charitable Trust - Department of Conservation - Mirumiru Pa ki Marokopa - Marokopa Marae	Comments relating to freshwater ecology are addressed in the following documents: Attachment I – Freshwater Ecology Response.
Water intake structure	- Waikato Regional Council - Te Nehenehenui	Comments relating to water intake structure are addressed in the following documents: Attachment I – Freshwater Ecology Response.
Wetlands	- Waikato Regional Council - Department of Conservation - Te Ruunaunga o Ngāti Mahuta ki to Hauaaruru Charitable Trust	Comments relating to wetlands are addressed in the following documents: - Attachment H – Terrestrial Ecology – Fauna and Wetlands Response. - Attachment I – Freshwater Ecology Response.

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Coastal sedimentation	- Waikato Regional Council - Mirumiru Pa ki Marokopa - Marokopa Marae	Comments relating to coastal sedimentation are addressed in the following documents: Attachment C – Coastal Processes Response.
Coastal and marine ecology	- Te Ruunaunga o Ngāti Mahuta ki to Hauaaruru Charitable Trust - Te Nehenehenui - Mirumiru Pa ki Marokopa - Marokopa Marae	Comments relating to coastal ecology are addressed in the following documents: - Attachment E – Marine Mammals Response. - Attachment D – Marine Ecology Response.
Mining of the ridgeline	Roy Wetini Whaanau Trust	Comments relating to mining of the ridgeline are addressed in the following documents: Attachment B – Planning Response.
Sand stability / movement (coastal)	- Roy Wetini Whanau Trust - Mirumiru Pa ki Marokopa - Marokopa Marae	Comments relating to sand stability and movement are addressed in the following documents: - Attachment B – Planning Response. - Attachment C – Coastal Processes Response.
Site rehabilitation	- Te Ruunaunga o Ngāti Mahuta ki to Hauaaruru Charitable Trust - Roy Wetini Whanau Trust - Te Nehenehenui - Mirumiru Pa ki Marokopa - Marokopa Marae - WRC	Comments relating to site rehabilitation are addressed in the following documents: - Attachment B – Planning Response. - Attachment M – Air Quality Response.
Archaeological Authority	- The Proprietors of Taharoa C Block - Te Ruunaunga o Ngāti Mahuta ki to Hauaaruru Charitable Trust - Te Nehenehenui	Comments relating to the Archaeological Authority are addressed in the following documents: - Memorandum of Counsel dated 22 June 2026. - Attachment B – Planning Response. - Attachment L – Archaeological Authority Response. - Attachment N – Taharoa C Response.
Terrestrial ecology	- Department of Conservation - Te Ruunaunga o Ngāti Mahuta ki to Hauaaruru Charitable Trust - Roy Wetini Whaanau Trust	Comments relating to terrestrial ecology are addressed in the following documents: Attachment H – Terrestrial Ecology – Fauna and Wetlands Response.

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Wildlife Act Authority	- Te Ruunaunga o Ngāti Mahuta ki to Hauaaruru Charitable Trust - Te Nehenehenui	Comments relating to the Wildlife Act Authority are addressed in the following documents: Attachment M – Lizards and Wildlife Approval Response. <i>Note that TIL's response to this topic also addresses the Department of Conservation's s51 report.</i>
Noise	Roy Wetini Whaanau Trust	Comments relating to noise are addressed in the following documents: Attachment K - Noise Response.
Light Emissions	Roy Wetini Whanau Trust	Comments relating to light emissions are addressed in the following documents: Attachment B – Planning Response.
Cumulative effects (general)	- Te Ruunaunga o Ngāti Mahuta ki to Hauaaruru Charitable Trust - Roy Wetini Whanau Trust - Mirumiru Pa ki Marokopa - Marokopa Marae	Comments relating to general cumulative effects are addressed in the following documents: Attachment B – Planning Response.
Cultural effects and other matters	- The Proprietors of Taharoa C Block - Department of Conservation - Te Ruunaunga o Ngāti Mahuta ki to Hauaaruru Charitable Trust - Roy Wetini Whaanau Trust - Minister for Māori Development and Minister for Māori Crown Relations - Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated – Waikato Tainui - Te Nehenehenui - Mirumiru Pa ki Marokopa - Marokopa Marae	Comments relating to cultural effects are addressed in the following documents: - Attachment B – Planning Response - Attachment N – Taharoa C Response.
Customary Fishing Rights	- Te Nehenehenui - Mirumiru Pa ki Marokopa - Marokopa Marae	Comments relating to Customary Fishing Rights are addressed in the following documents: - Memorandum of Counsel dated 22 June 2026. - Attachment B – Planning Response.
Compliance matters	- Roy Wetini Whanau Trust - Te Nehenehenui	Comments relating to compliance are addressed in the following documents:

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		- Memorandum of Counsel dated 22 June 2026. - Attachment B – Planning Response.
Website publication of information	Te Nehenehenui	Comments relating to the publication of information on a website are addressed in the following documents Attachment B – Planning Response.
Statutory Framework for Decision	- Te Nehenehenui - Ngati Mahuta Ki Te Hauaauru - Mirumiru Pa ki Marokopa - Marokopa Marae	Comments relating to the statutory framework for a decision are addressed in the following documents: - Memorandum of Counsel dated 22 June 2026. - Attachment B – Planning Response.