

BEFORE THE PANEL CONVENER

Application: FTAA-2606-1256

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

AND

IN THE MATTER of an Application by Beachlands South Limited Partnership under section 42 of the FTAA for the Beachlands South Project

**MEMORANDUM OF HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA
IN RESPONSE TO MINUTE 2 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 10 August 2026 (Minute) in respect of the Beachlands South Project (the Project).
- 2 The Minute refers to an upcoming conference to gather participant views that will inform decisions of the Convener regarding:
 - a) the appointment of panel members,
 - b) the timing of the panel decision.
- 3 This memorandum addresses the matters identified within the Minute relevant to the archaeological authority application to assist with those decisions.

Schedule 1 – Proposed Timeframe

- 4 On 14 July 2026, HNZPT was directed to prepare a Report pursuant to section 51 of the FTAA.
- 5 The application includes an Archaeological Assessment and an “Archaeological Authority Document Bundle”, consisting of:
 - Conditions of Authority
 - Application for Approval of person to carry out activity under archaeological authority
 - Archaeological Management Plan; and
 - Archaeological Vegetation Management and Planting Plan
- 6 These documents provide sufficient information in order to make a recommendation in the section 51 Report in relation to the applications for archaeological authority and person nominated to carry out the activity under that authority.

- 7 At this stage there is no additional information being sought, however we will approach the Applicant in respect of the draft conditions included in the application. HNZPT anticipates these discussions can be undertaken soon and will not add any delay to preparing its section 51 Report and recommendation.

Schedule 1 - Estimated Timeframe

- 8 HNZPT has reviewed the estimated timeframe and does not consider any changes are required in respect of being able to complete its s51 report or s53 comments. However, we recognise that other parties may have different views and requirements.

Schedule 2 - Matters to Consider

Approvals

- 9 The approvals being sought that require consideration and recommendation by HNZPT, being:
- a) an archaeological authority, which would otherwise be applied for under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 (section 42(4)(i)); and
 - b) approval for a person to undertake the activity pursuant to that archaeological authority (section 42(9)(b)).

Complexity

- 10 HNZPT considers that the archaeological authority application is of low complexity.

Panel Membership

- 11 Taking all of the above into consideration, HNZPT does not consider there to be any requirement for a person with archaeological experience and experience to be a Panel member.

- 12 In respect of HNZPT's interests, it does not consider there is any requirement to appoint any additional Panel members, however HNZPT recognises that there may be a requirement to do so in relation to other matters.

Procedural Requirements

- 13 In respect of procedural requirements, HNZPT:
- a) is willing to engage directly with both the Applicant and Panel where required to advance the application;
 - b) does not anticipate the need for expert conferencing or wānanga in relation to the archaeological authority; and
 - c) HNZPT confirms that the section 51 Report will be provided within the 10 day period after the Panel invites comments under section 53 of the FTAA.



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