

MEMORANDUM OF THE NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT AGENCY WAKA KOTAHĪ ON THE BARRYTOWN MINERALS PROJECT

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This memorandum presents the assessment undertaken by the New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) of the substantive application for the Barrytown Minerals Project (**Application**) (NZTA reference 2026-1136), submitted by Taiko Critical Minerals Limited (**the Applicant**) under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 (**FTAA**).
- 1.2 NZTA appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Application.

2 Background

- 2.1 NZTA has had previous pre-application engagement with the Applicant, commencing in January 2026. In January 2026, the Applicant sought feedback from NZTA on the resource consent application for the establishment of a Wet Concentrator Plant, and the associated activities which included transportation matters.
- 2.2 Through this engagement, the Applicant agreed to mitigation measures that would remedy NZTA's concerns with safe site access and traffic generation. Subsequently, NZTA provided its written affected parties approval, and the resource consent applications were granted by the Grey District Council.

3 Assessment of proposal on NZTA's network and assets

- 3.1 NZTA understands that this application being considered by the Expert Panel through this Fast-track Approvals Act process, is to authorise mining in the 'Southern Block' and mined material will be processed in the Wet Concentrator Plant that has previously been authorised as noted above.
- 3.2 The substantive application notes that transportation effects and access upgrades have previously been authorised and hence does not provide further assessments on these matters.
- 3.3 NZTA's internal Asset Management and Safety experts have reviewed the relevant substantive application documentation, and do not have any further concerns with this application.

4 Conclusion

- 4.1 NZTA's position on the substantive application is **neutral** on the basis that no additional impacts on the State Highway network or infrastructure are anticipated.



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