
MINUTE OF THE PANEL CONVENER

Request for Section 51 reports for Rangitōopuni [FTAA-2504-1055]

Wildlife Approval under the Wildlife Act 1953

(17 June 2025)

- [1] The application seeks approvals under the Wildlife Act 1953.
- [2] This Minute directs the EPA to obtain advice and a report from the Director-General of Conservation pursuant to s 51 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act).

Specific directions to the Director-General of Conservation

- [3] The Director-General of Conservation is to:
- (a) file a report advising how the weighting of matters set out in Schedule 7, clause 3 of the Act should be approached, having regard to relevant senior court decisions, pursuant to section 51(1) of the Act;
 - (b) file a report in accordance with schedule 7, clause 3 of the Act, if the Director-General of Conservation disagrees with, or wishes to amplify, the expert and planning assessment lodged in support of the wildlife approval.
- [4] For the avoidance of doubt, the Director-General of Conservation:
- (a) may confirm and append advice previously given in response to a

- panel convener's directions under s 51(1) on another project; and
- (b) does not need to provide an assessment of the approval pursuant to s 51(2)(c) if it concurs with the expert and planning assessments filed by the applicant.

[5] The Director-General of Conservation is to respond to the draft conditions, including any management plan attached to the application, recommending track-changed amendments (if any).

[6] Any advice or report received will be provided by the EPA to persons listed in s 51(5).



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