



2 July 2025

Fast-track

C/- Environmental Protection Authority

Attn: Christina Smits

By email:

Tēnā koe Christina

RESPONSE TO FTAA-2504-1048 MINUTE OF THE PANEL CONVENER

With reference to the Minute of the Panel Convener dated 26 June 2025, concerning the conference set down for 7 July 2025 at 10.00am to gather participant views on matters arising under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA), Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust responds as follows:

1. Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust (the Trust) acknowledges receipt of the Minute and the invitation to participate in the upcoming conference.
2. The Trust confirms its intention to attend the conference and contribute constructively to discussions regarding:
 - a. The appointment of panel members (FTAA, schedule 3).
 - b. The timing of the panel decision (FTAA, section 79).
3. Representatives on behalf of the Trust will be Jacqui King (Chairperson) and Mark Wipatene (Acting Chief Executive).

4. The Trust will raise the following matters for consideration:
- a. The previous lack of engagement by the applicant, Trans-Tasman Resources Limited, with the Trust and the corresponding lack of any assessment regarding the impact of the proposal on Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi.
 - b. The importance of early and meaningful engagement with iwi and hapū [and in the instance of the FTA, with Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust as the Post-Settlement Governance Entity for Taranaki Iwi] in the decision-making process.
 - c. The need to ensure cultural, environmental and social impacts are adequately assessed and reflected in panel deliberations.
 - d. To recognise that economic impacts should not be conflated with economic benefits, and whether those benefits are regionally or nationally significant must be well informed by iwi and hapū in the Taranaki Region.
 - e. The Trust's expectation that tikanga Māori and mātauranga Māori are respected and incorporated into the panel's approach.
5. Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust recommend that a hearing for this application is necessary.
6. Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust reserves the right to make further written or oral submissions following the conference, should additional matters arise.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Noho ora mai,



Jacqui King

Chairperson - Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust