



FTAA-2603-1178

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To: the Panel Convenor

I am instructed by Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua (**Te Rūnanga**). This email responds to Minute 2 of the Panel Convenor on [FTAA-2603-1178] dated 21 May 2026, and addresses the matters set out in sch 1 and 2 of Minute 2.

Overview

Te Rūnanga signals its intention to be involved in this process for this application. Broadly, Te Rūnanga will support hapū of Ngāti Whātua. However, it is appropriate in the meantime for Te Rūnanga to remain informed and engaged in the panel appointment stage.

Te Rūnanga confirms its attendance at the conference on 10 June 2026, and will speak further to the matters below.

Consultation and engagement

The Application identifies that engagement has occurred primarily with Te Uri o Hau, Te Parawhau and Patuharakeke (at D4.1). Te Rūnanga requires further time to discuss matters kanohi ki te kanohi with Te Uri o Hau.

Te Rūnanga has not had an opportunity to review the cultural impact assessments provided with the Application. Te Rūnanga will prioritise this ahead of 10 June, in the interests of progressing discussions.

Mātauranga Māori and tikanga

Tikanga is relevant to the application, governing matters of process and substance. Te Rūnanga is cognisant of the principles governing the FTAA, but notes that tikanga may require discussion “over a long period of time”, in comparison to Pākehā processes.

Appointment of panel members

Te Rūnanga considers it necessary (as well as required) that the panel collectively has a good understanding of te ao Māori and Māori development. Specifically, Te Rūnanga considers it is highly desirable for a panel member to have expertise in Ngāti Whātua tikanga, given the significance of the area to Ngāti Whātua hapū.

Timing of panel decision

Te Rūnanga acknowledges that the pre-populated timing is indicative only. However, amended timing has been submitted to this response below, in tracked changes.

Task	Working days	Date
Panel commencement	N/A	<u>30</u> 22 June 2026 (nominal)
Invite comment from relevant parties	10 W/D later	6

		<u>15</u> July 2026
Comments close (ss 53 & 54)	20 W/D later	<u>12</u> ✦ August 2026
Comments close for applicants (s 55)	5 W/D later	<u>19</u> ✦✦ August 2026

These modifications take Matariki into account. Given there appears to be no flexibility in the 20 working days for comment, it is requested that the panel not commence until late June/early July, with comment invited on 15 July 2026.

Procedural requirements and other matters

Te Rūnanga is willing to engage directly with the panel and other participants as necessary to advance the Application efficiently, including through wānanga and hui.

Ngā mihi

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