



Outlook

National Green Steel - invitation to respond

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To the Expert Panel,

Harness Downs Ltd appreciates the invitation for comment regarding Minute 8 of the Expert Panel and the associated responses from the Applicant.

With reference to the APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO MINUTE 5 OF THE PANEL – FURTHER INFORMATION REQUEST #3, DATED 12 DECEMBER 2025, SECTION 3.1

Harness Downs Ltd would like to pose the following questions:

1. How did two Archeologists from Clough & Associated access this Urupā site when its know to be covered by Gorse ? Can evidence be presented ?
2. With reference to the below newspaper article from the Waikato Times, we're Clough & Associates made aware of the Urupā on the Applicants site in 2001, when engaged by the Corrections Department during the consenting phase of the Springhill Prison ?



Clough & Associates have stated in their that there are "no archeological sites have been identified within its boundaries" with reference to the Applicants site.

I respectfully request that the Expert Panel consider both independent legal and archeological advice on this Urupā matter as the applicant simply ignoring the evidence and facts presented and subsequently dismissing it's existence will not standup to future challenge.

Could Harness Downs Ltd please pose the following questions to the Expert Panel:

1. If the applicant had disclosed some of the following issues (to name a few):

- The presence of an Urupā on the applicants site
- The fact that the applicant can't guarantee renewable energy
- The probable presence of multiple wetlands
- The fact that the main entrance is a shared access way, with the intended use at the outset being rural in nature

Would the application still qualify for the Fast Track Approval process ? I would be interested to know as, this would allow any applicant for future projects to not fully disclose critical pieces of information in order to get onto the process and just ask for forgiveness later when they are eventually discovered?

Once again, Harness Downs Ltd appreciates the ability to comment on the application and believe the Expert Panel is doing a great job exploring and identifying the shortfalls in the application.

Kind regards

Grant Clune