

Hananui Aquaculture Project

Register of Panel Members Interests

20 March 2026

As there have been multiple iterations of the Hananui Aquaculture Project, and due to the limited size of the resource consenting industry in New Zealand, it is unavoidable that panel members have previous professional connections with a number of the experts or companies that the Applicant has contracted for its application.

Where a panel member has identified an interest that is more specific in nature, it has been recorded below.

Name	Declarations
Bal Matheson KC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bal was instructed as senior counsel for an interested party in the case of <i>Tau & Ors v The Attorney-General</i>, which was an application for declarations heard by the High Court in early 2025. The First Plaintiff included various Ngāi Tahu Upoko, Rakatira and Kaumātua, and the Second Plaintiff was Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. Bal’s client opposed the declarations being sought. The judgment has not yet been issued.
Dr Ngaire Phillips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Phillips led a research programme on determining human health risks associated with contaminants in traditionally-sourced food/kai. Dr Gail Tipa (lead author of the Applicants’ <i>Cultural Impact Assessment report, Appendix E</i>) was part of the research team. Dr Phillips and Dr Tipa co-authored several publications and reports (along with other team members), however those specific reports are not used or referenced in this application.
Stephen Daysh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephen is a Partner at Mitchell Daysh, an environmental and planning consultancy. Some consultants at Mitchell Daysh undertake work for clients within the aquaculture industry, however Stephen has not personally had any involvement in those projects.