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By email [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe Fiona,

Re: Buller Plateaux Continuation Project

This letter confirms the opportunity to provide comment in relation to the proposed Buller Plateaux Continuation Project (**Project**) resource consenting application under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 (**FT Act**).

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae writes to you to exercise our rangatiratanga and rights as mana whenua over the Kawatiri takiwā.

Please be advised that Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae is a participant of Te Tai Poutini Mana Whakahono ā Rohe (with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Te Runanga O Makaawhio). The FT Act requires consultation with all participants of this agreement.

Buller Plateaux Continuation Project

We understand that Bathurst Resources Limited (with BT Mining Limited) currently undertakes mineral extraction operations on the Stockton Plateaux and anticipates commencing mining activities in 2026 on the Denniston Plateau. We are aware that the Project seeks the necessary approvals under the FT Act to:

- provide for the existing infrastructure and mining operations at Stockton and provide access to additional coal mining areas across the Buller Plateaux;
- facilitate extraction of approximately 20 million tonnes of coking coal for the export market; and
- carry out mine closure and rehabilitation activities.

We are aware that the Project comprises of five Project sub-areas, including:

- Stockton (including the Ngakawau Rail Loadout and Aerial Ropeway);
- Escarpment Extended;
- Mount Frederick South;
- Upper Waimangaroa Haul Road; and
- Cypress.

Iwi Consultation

The FT Act requires consultation with iwi as follows:

- Section 29 requires consultation with any relevant iwi authorities, hapū, and Treaty settlement entities, including iwi authorities and groups that represent hapū that are parties to relevant Mana Whakahono ā Rohe or joint management, prior to lodgement of a substantive application for a listed project;
- Section 53 requires that the Panel must direct the EPA to invite written comments on a substantive application from the relevant iwi authorities;
- Section 67 enables the Panel, at any time before making its decision on a substantive application, to request information from iwi in relation to the application;
- Clause 6 of Schedule 5 (Approvals relating to the Resource Management Act 1991) states that an assessment of an activity's effects on the environment must include identification of persons who may be affected by the activity and any response to the views of any persons consulted, including the views of iwi or hapū that have been consulted in relation to the proposal;
- Clause 3(1)(k) of Schedule 6 (Approvals relating to the Conservation Act 1987, Reserves Act 1977, Wildlife Act 1953 and National Parks Act 1980) requires an application for a concession to include full details of any consultation undertaken with the relevant iwi;
- Clause 2(1)(n) of Schedule 7 (Approvals relating to the Wildlife Act 1953) requires that the application for a wildlife approval must include proof and details of all

consultation, including with hapū or iwi, on the application specific to wildlife impacts;

- Clause 2(i) of Schedule 8 (Approvals relating to the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014) requires that an application for an archaeological authority must include a statement as to whether consultation with tangata whenua has taken place, with details of the consultation, including the names of the parties and the tenor of the views expressed, or has not taken place or been completed, with the reasons why consultation has not occurred or been completed; and
- Clause 3(e) of Schedule 11 (Approvals relating to the Crown Minerals Act 1991) requires an assessment of the environment to include an outline of consultation undertaken, including full details of consultation with the relevant iwi.

We understand that the Project is currently in the pre-lodgement stage so consultation to date is in accordance with Section 29 of the FT Act.

Ongoing Engagement

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae confirms that we have completed a cultural impact assessment for the project and that consultation with Bathurst has occurred and continues, while reserving its position on any final matters arising.

As mana whenua of the Kawatiri takiwā, we expect to be actively engaged in the assessment of the Project, consistent with our role as kaitiaki and to exercise being holders of rangatiratanga

Nāhaku noa



Nā Hamiria Ngaamo

Deputy Chair - Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae