

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī

By email: [REDACTED]

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Taranaki VTM Project Expert Panel
C/- Environmental Protection Authority
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Tēnā koutou,

RE: RESPONSE TO MINUTE 12: FURTHER REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO IWI AND HAPŪ PARTICIPANTS – TARANAKI VTM PROJECT [FTAA-2504-1048], DATED 3 NOVEMBER 2025

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī is a statutory body established pursuant to section 27 of Te Ture Whakaturua mō Te Kāhui Tupua 2025 / Taranaki Maunga Collective Redress Act 2025 (**‘Te Kāhui Tupua Act’**), not an iwi or hapū participant. This is considered an important distinction to make the Panel aware of.

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī sought advice from the Environment Protection Authority on this point, which is for Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī to respond to this Request for Information (**‘RFI’**), and register to attend the Treaty Settlement / Cultural Effects Conference.

The standing, function and purpose of Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī is set out in both Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo and Te Kāhui Tupua Act, as set out in comments made dated 6 October 2025.

Appendix A of Minute 12 includes links for both Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo and Te Kāhui Tupua Act. These address the question in Appendix B regarding Treaty Settlement Instruments.

None of the other questions in Appendix B are relevant to Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī.

Noho ora mai,



Liana Poutu

Chair

Te Tōpuni Kōkōrangī