



Re: Central and Southern Mining - Response to Minute 15

From Te Kooraha Paa [REDACTED]**Date** Tue 23/06/2026 12:08 PM**To** [REDACTED]**Cc** teruunanga@hauaauru.co.nz [REDACTED]

Aruka Marae Committee Chairperson [REDACTED]

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Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for the reminder, apologies for late response.

Following discussions amongst our marae, support was given to Ngahuia Herangi to represent Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaauru in our collective maatauranga, lived experience, and kaitiaki perspectives in relation to aquatic ecology and habitats.

This is an important acknowledgement by the Panel that maatauranga Maaori has a legitimate and valuable role in discussions relating to wetlands, freshwater ecosystems, taonga species, fish passage, lake health, and the wider environmental effects of the proposal. It provides an opportunity for our lived experience, cultural knowledge, observations, and responsibilities as kaitiaki to sit alongside technical and scientific evidence as part of the decision making process.

For many of us, this is a significant development. It recognises that the health of our lakes, wetlands, and taonga species cannot be understood through science alone, but must also be informed by generations of knowledge, observation, and stewardship held by mana whenua.

Ngaa mihi, naa

Ngahuia Herangi
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On Tue, Jun 23, 2026 at 11:58 AM [REDACTED] > wrote:

Tēnā koe,

I am emailing as responses to Minute 15 of the expert panel for the Central and Southern Mining project closed yesterday. Ngāti Mahuta ki te Hauāuru was invited to respond, in particular to nominate an expert in mātauranga Māori as it relates to aquatic ecology and habitats for an upcoming conference.

If you did not receive this notification or may have missed it, please see the link to Minute 15 [here](#). Please let us know the best contact for future communications.

If you wish to participate and nominate an expert, in addition to responding to Minute 15, please provide the nominees contact details, as we will need to get in touch to organise the conference.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi,

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Application Lead

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