
MINUTE OF THE PANEL CONVENER

Perspective panel member

FTAA-2507-1089

(21 January 2026)

[1] This Minute discloses a professional relationship involving a prospective panel member, Mr Phillip Barry, and invites participants at the convener's conference to raise any concerns about whether this relationship could affect his impartiality as a panel member.

Background

[2] Mr Barry is a Director of TDB Advisory Limited.

[3] TDB Advisory will be engaged by Te Kura Taka Pini Limited from January 2026 to provide economic analysis on matters unrelated to this mining application. Mr Barry will be providing analysis.

[4] Te Kura Taka Pini is a company established by Ngāi Tahu in 2019 to progress its Rangatiratanga over Freshwater Strategy.

[5] TDB Advisory has not been engaged by Te Kura Taka Pini in relation to the Matakanui Gold Limited application or any other mining application. TDB Advisory's engagement with Te Kura Taka Pini explicitly excludes any involvement with the preparation, drafting, or provision of comments by, or communications with, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Papatipu Rūnanga, or related entities in relation to any gold or other mineral resource applications, including the Matakanui application.

[6] Mr Barry has reviewed this disclosure and confirms that:

- (a) He perceives no conflict of interest arising from his directorship of TDB Advisory Limited or from TDB Advisory's engagement with Te Kura Taka Pini Limited;
- (b) The economic analysis TDB Advisory is providing to Te Kura Taka Pini does not relate to matters that could reasonably affect his impartiality in determining this application;
- (c) He can exercise independent and impartial judgment on all issues arising in this application; and
- (d) He understands his obligation to recuse himself should circumstances change or any matter arise that would create a genuine conflict or reasonable apprehension of bias.

Directions

[7] If the applicant, local authorities, iwi authority or Treaty settlement entities has a different view to Mr Barry, they are to set this out in a detailed but succinct memorandum. Further directions (if required) will follow.

[8] The memorandum is to be filed and exchanged by **5pm Friday 23 January 2026**.

[9] Note: no response is required if no issue arises.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane". The letter "J" is large and stylized, with a long vertical stroke and a curved bottom. The name "Jane" is written in a cursive, handwritten style.

Jane Borthwick
Panel convener for the purpose of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024