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Tāiko Critical Minerals Limited

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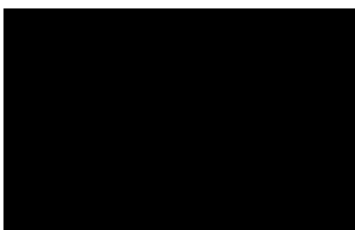
**Tāiko Critical Minerals Limited – Barrytown Critical Minerals Project – Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 application**

1. Thank you for your letter of 4 March 2026, which summarises the consultation that Tāiko Critical Minerals Limited (Tāiko) has undertaken with Ngāti Waewae over recent years in relation to the proposed mining and associated activities on the Barrytown Flats.
2. The purpose of this letter is to formally confirm Ngāti Waewae's support for the Barrytown Critical Minerals Project, including the proposed development of the Southern Block.
3. Ngāti Waewae and Tāiko have developed a strong and enduring relationship, founded on a shared commitment to achieving appropriate environmental and cultural outcomes. This relationship has been built over many years through engagement on the Central Block and has continued to strengthen through the development of the Southern Block Proposal.
4. Ngāti Waewae were closely involved in the application process for the Central Block, contributing to the development of consent conditions that established a robust and practical framework for mining, while ensuring that appropriate environmental protections were embedded. We also supported the process undertaken through the hearing, recognising the importance of a thorough and transparent approach.
5. In respect of the Southern Block, Ngāti Waewae have been actively engaged throughout the development of the application, including participation in site visits and detailed discussions on technical matters such as hydrology, ecology and the future restoration of this area of the Barrytown Flats. This ongoing involvement has informed a comprehensive set of proposed conditions that reflect best practice

mining management, while also safeguarding the ecological and cultural values of the area.

6. Of particular importance to Ngāti Waewae is the long-term legacy of the Project. The proposed rehabilitation and biodiversity initiatives provide an opportunity to enhance the mauri of the whenua, restore ecological integrity and support the re-establishment of indigenous habitats and species. This aligns with our role as kaitiaki and our aspiration to see the environment not only protected but improved for future generations.
7. We have reviewed the project description and proposed conditions and are satisfied that they appropriately address the matters we have discussed during consultation.
8. Ngāti Waewae note the proposal to apply to take water from Canoe Creek to operate the Wet Concentrator Plant (WCP) on the Southern Block for a duration of 35 years, replacing the existing 12-year consent associated with the Central Block. Ngāti Waewae are satisfied with this approach and will work with the company to identify alternative water take sites in the future.
9. Ngāti Waewae also acknowledge the suggestion by New Zealand Heritage Properties Ltd regarding the preparation of an assessment of Māori values for archaeological sites. Ngāti Waewae does not consider this necessary in this instance and is satisfied that the proposal of an Accidental Discovery Protocol provides an appropriate and practical mechanism to manage any such discoveries, consistent with tikanga Māori.
10. We particularly support the commitment to an ongoing partnership between Tāiko, Ngāti Waewae and the Paparoa Wildlife Trust to enhance biodiversity outcomes through predator control, conservation initiatives and research into key species such as the Westland petrel (tāiko). This work is expected to deliver lasting ecological benefits and contribute to a deeper understanding of the natural environment within our rohe.
11. Ngāti Waewae wishes to acknowledge and thank Tāiko for its constructive and respectful engagement throughout this process, and considers that the Barrytown Critical Minerals Project represents a well-considered and responsibly developed proposal which appropriately balances resource use with environmental stewardship and cultural values.

Nāhaku noa



Deputy Chair - Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae