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Memo

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From	Jon Williamson	**Project No**	WWLA1624
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Subject	**Tauriko West – Response to Panel's RFI**		

Our report identifies a potential drawdown envelope (as detailed in Table 6 of the Groundwater Take Assessment). Our assessment of the bores within the envelope found the following:

- Geotechnical and investigation bores: These bores are non-extractive installations used solely for ground investigation and monitoring. Because there is no water abstractive use associated with them, they do not constitute affected water users and have been excluded from the water user interference assessment.
- Remaining private bores: The remaining private bores are all <100 mm in diameter, consistent with typical domestic and stock supply installations. A cross-check against Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) records from March 2026 confirmed no consented water takes are registered to these bores. These bores operate under Rule 38 (Permitted Activity) of the Bay of Plenty Regional Natural Resources Plan (RNRP), which limits takes to 35 m3/day per property (equating to an average rate of ~0.4 L/s over a 24-hour cycle).
- In the moderately permeable aquifer materials characterising the Tauriko West area, localised pumping drawdowns from low-yield domestic takes are modest. The cumulative project-induced drawdown predicted across these locations ranges from 0.1 m at the outer extremity to 2.7 m near the production bores (Table 8).
- Based on the recorded total depths and static water levels for these domestic bores, this range of drawdown (0.1 to 2.7 m) will not dewater bore screens or exceed available head above pump intakes. As such, existing domestic and stock pumps will maintain continuous, unimpeded operation during the construction pumping period.

In summary, there are no bores that will be affected by the water takes proposed as part of the Project.

Yours sincerely,

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