

19 May 2026

Mr D Serjeant
Central and Southern Block Mining
Project Expert Panel Chair
Environmental Protection Authority

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Dear Mr Serjeant,

FTAA-2512-1153 – CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN BLOCK MINING PROJECT

Further to my letter dated 7 May 2026 regarding the Existing Use Rights assessment prepared by Tonkin & Taylor on behalf of Taharoa Ironsands Limited, Waitomo District Council (WDC) has no further comments to make on the substantive application under section 53 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, as no non-compliances with the Proposed Waitomo District Plan (PDP) have been identified that require consideration through the application process.

For completeness, WDC notes that it will continue to be responsible for monitoring compliance with the relevant provisions of the PDP should the application be granted.

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ALEX BELL
GENERAL MANAGER – STRATEGY AND ENVIRONMENT