

IN THE MATTER of
the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of
Hearing of submissions and further
submissions on the Proposed Te Tai O
Poutini Plan

MINUTE 20 – ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE
AND TRANSPORT

INTRODUCTION

1. Following the competition of the reconvened Energy, Infrastructure and Transport hearing the Hearing Panel discussed the need to instigate a review of the evidence of Mr Sears from Waka Kotahi in relation to TRN Table 6 of the Proposed Te Tai O Poutini Plan and the proposed use of equivalent car movements.
2. Having reviewed Mr Sears expert evidence on this matter we have decided that as an expert he has addressed the Environment Courts Code of Conduct for expert witnesses and that his evidence in relation to the matters he raises in terms to TRN Table 6 and equivalent car movements is able to be relied upon given his area of expertise. Any issues of scope are a matter for the Hearing Panel to consider.
3. We have therefore decided that directing a review of Mr Sears evidence by another traffic expert would be unlikely to provide us with any further information which might add in any material way to our deliberations.
4. On that basis we do not require any further information in relation to Energy, Infrastructure and Transport hearing and therefore direct that the right of reply from the reporting officers be provided by the 8th of March 2024.



Dean Chrystal

Independent Commissioner – Chair - on behalf of the Hearing Panel members

26 February 2024