

**CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL**

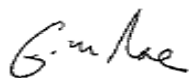
**TKO PROPERTIES – RC230179**

**MINUTE 8 OF THE HEARING PANEL**

1. The Panel has received a further memorandum from the Applicant (as attached) in response to our Minute 7 regarding expert ecological conferencing.
2. Following its discussion with the Department of Conservation the Applicant has requested the Panel direct expert witness conferencing to occur, in terms of specific questions and matters set out in the memorandum.
3. The Panel accepts this request and directs that:
  - (a) the experts are to arrange an online unfacilitated conferencing on the questions set out in the memorandum dated 25 February 2025 at their earliest convenience; and
  - (b) by **31 March 2025** or as soon as practicable after conferencing has concluded, the Applicant is to:
    - (i) lodge a copy of the JWS, and seek directions as to a timetable for closing submissions, reply evidence and any additional hearing time; or
    - (ii) if the JWS is yet to be completed, update the Panel as to progress together with associated timetable directions for it to be lodged.
4. The Panel appreciates that this aspect of the proposal is taking some time to resolve. However we are encouraged that dialogue is taking place, and we continue to hold the view there is merit in investigating whether agreement, or at least a narrowing of areas of disagreement between the parties, can be attained.

**DATED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025

Signed by



**GM Rae**  
**Chair of Hearing Panel**

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