

# Whirinaki Stakeholder Advisory Group

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 24 February 2026

**Time:** 4.00pm – 5.10pm

**Location:** Whirinaki Room, Pan Pac Limited

**Meeting Chair:** Tania Kerr

**Attendees:** Brian McFarland, Angie Rawlinson, Jayde Demanser and Darryl Mason (Landowners), Reece O’Leary (Pan Pac Forest Products Ltd), Rob Fryer, Darren Wellham and Peter Lee (Transpower), Martin Lott (Power Co), Simon Moffit (Compliance – HBRC), Jacqui Davis, Lynn McCowan and Luke Cahalin (Project Team - HBRC)

**Apologies:** Shane Brown (Mana Whenua Rep) Shane Waugh (Contact Energy)

	Items	Action
1.	<b>Opening Karakia</b> - led by Jayde	
2.	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b> Tania opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees and introductions took place.	
3.	<b>Review of Previous Meeting Minutes</b> Minutes of the 27 January 2026 meeting were circulated prior to the meeting.  <b>Resolved:</b> That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.	
4.	<b>Project Managers Update</b> The Project Manager’s Update was circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read.  <u>Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tūpore – minor issues with management plans.</li> <li>• Truck drivers are experiencing issues accessing the quarry.</li> <li>• Luke confirmed with Rob (Transpower) regarding the haul road at Tūpore. The contractor will cordon off their site with a 12-metre exclusion zone from the fence and away from the lines.</li> </ul>	
5.	<b>Review of Information and Advice Log</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jacqui advised that the log had been updated since it had been emailed with a concern raised regarding dirty tap water which was an issue for Hastings District Council.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues remain regarding truck turning on Pohutukawa intersection. Contractors have been given signage to put up.</li> <li>• Noise complaint to be closed.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Ecologist Report</b></p> <p>The Ecologist Report was circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read.</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ecological assessment identified a low risk to lizards, birds and bats.</li> <li>• As a precautionary measure the contractor will ensure the paddock is kept mown to discourage habitat establishment.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Comms and Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Category changes have been communicated to the community.</li> <li>• Contractor training has been completed.</li> <li>• Fortnightly project updates are being issued.</li> <li>• A community BBQ is scheduled for tomorrow evening.</li> <li>• An information booklet outlining key communication details will be delivered to mailboxes.</li> <li>• Angie advised that the hand delivery of the category change information was well received by the community. Appreciation was expressed on behalf of the community with acknowledgement given to Jacqui, Kim and Sam for their efforts.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Short Term Night Work</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luke explained that Fulton Hogan is wanting to do night works in order to complete the bypass tie-in. NZTA have agreed to the approach.</li> <li>• The reason for the night works is to improve safety and minimise disruption to the State Highway.</li> <li>• Works are scheduled for three consecutive nights (Tuesday–Wednesday, 3–5 March).</li> <li>• Devil’s Elbow will also be fully closed that week overnight.</li> <li>• The programme will be reduced by one week as a result of these works.</li> <li>• Limited access will be managed under stop/go controls.</li> <li>• The State Highway is expected to be fully open by the following Saturday.</li> <li>• NZTA and Fulton Hogan have agreed to the approach and have developed a traffic management plan.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The STAG group was given the current and the proposed amendment to the CEMP for feedback.</li> <li>• It was explained that STAG’s role was to make recommendations rather than decisions.</li> <li>• The resource consent does not specify working hours - these are addressed within the CEMP.</li> <li>• It was noted that approval of these works does not constitute approval for ongoing night works.</li> </ul>	

	<p><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Darryl sought clarification regarding the location of noise monitoring. Luke explained that noise levels will be actively monitored throughout the works, with Hastings District Council undertaking noise monitoring at house boundaries in accordance with their noise rules. Compaction activities were identified as the noisiest component of the works and will be completed prior to 10.00 pm.</li> <li>• It is proposed that the noisiest activities will be undertaken earlier in the evening, between 6.30 pm and 10.00 pm.</li> <li>• The works are limited to a maximum of three nights (3–5 March).</li> <li>• A communication flyer will be distributed tomorrow evening at the BBQ outlining the purpose of the works and the intended outcomes.</li> <li>• It was noted by the group that the community is generally supportive and keen to see the works completed - provided communication remains clear and timely.</li> <li>• Complaints process - it was agreed that for this work complaints will be directed to Luke rather than through the usual STAG process.</li> <li>• It was confirmed that the haulage road will remain operational.</li> <li>• Lighting will be managed through the use of directional lighting to minimise spill.</li>   <li>• Luke advised that the completion of the roads works is anticipated by 10 March.</li> <li>• The second seal is planned to be applied after six months.</li>   <li>• Simon acknowledged that the timeframe for consideration is shorter than usual. Subject to no objections and appropriate mitigation measures being in place, he is supportive of proceeding, provided STAG is also satisfied.</li>   <li>• The STAG group agreed to proceed and were happy with the proposed amendment.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be <b>Tuesday 24 March at 4pm.</b></p>	
8.	<p><b>Closing Karakia</b> - led by Jayde</p>	