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MEMORANDUM

Attention: Cherie Lane
Date: 15 June 2021
From: Dr Mark Bellingham
Project: Panetiki Ltd, 20 Omaha Block Access Rd, Leigh

I have assessed whether there are any wetlands that meet the definitions of natural wetlands under the National Policy Statement Freshwater Management and the Freshwater National Environmental Standards (2020) at 20 Omaha Block Access Road, Leigh.

I visited the site in April 2020 to assess the status of an overland flow path and any other freshwater features on the site (Bellingham 2020, Assessment of Overland Flowpath, 20 Omaha Block Access Road, Leigh). The Panetiki site is in a short, moderately steep catchment, with an overland flowpath that does not meet the AUP definition of a stream within the proximity of the development footprint proposed and wastewater and stormwater disposal fields.

There are no parts of the site where freshwater is retained to the extent that a freshwater natural wetland has developed. This would be evident from the presence of freshwater vegetation following the wetland delineation protocols in the Government's Essential Freshwater Interpretation Guidance (2021).

My assessment of the site is that there are no natural wetlands under the National Policy Statement Freshwater Management and the Freshwater National Environmental Standards (2020), as identified by the Government's wetland delineation protocols on the Panetiki site at 20 Omaha Block Access Road, Leigh.

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