TE AO MĀRAMA INC.

Addendum to Te Ao Mārama Inc. submission on Resource Consent Application APP-20211024

TO:	Environment Southland Consents Manager
FROM:	Stevie-Rae Blair Te Ao Mārama Inc.
DATE:	05/11/2026
SUBJECT:	Pure Salt Limited – To operate a commercial surface water activity within the coastal waters of Fiordland.

Purpose and Context

This document provides an update on the submission provided by Te Ao Mārama on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ōraka Aparima. The reasoning for providing this is that the submission was prepared in 2021, recently there has been supplementary information provided by the applicant and a hearing date set.

Te Ao Mārama is not attending the hearing in person and is withdrawing our right to be heard, however our submission still stands and therefore an update on the position of Rūnanga is required to support the decision maker.

Statement of Position

We acknowledge the changes that the applicant has made to the application in regard to our submission, in particular the surrender of the surface water consent AUTH-20202563 should the current application be approved. We understand that the only material change will be the increase in vessel size from 17m to 27m.

We note that our position has not changed since 2021 on surface water activities. Our whānau still have concerns and believe there is limited information in terms of cumulative effects, the carrying capacity and the impacts of commercial activities on the remoteness, wilderness and intrinsic values of Te Mimi o Tū Te Rakiwhānoa/Fiordland Coastal Marine Area. This is caused by the discharge from vessels, the increasing size of vessels and their ability to traverse longer distances due to increasing technology.

Our view is that current policy/planning documents do not support a precautionary approach and there remains an absence of a strategic framework for Te Mimi o Tū Te Rakiwhānoa because of the emerging resource management reforms, including spatial planning initiatives.

Should the decision maker grant the consent, we call for robust, enforceable consent conditions that legally bind the applicant to deliver what they have committed to.

I am available to answer any questions if that is required.

Kia tū tō mana,

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