

**MODULE 6 · REFERENCE CARD B**

# PRESSURES TO CONTINUE

The five pressure categories that shape every reassessment call. Use this card during a reassessment to make sure you're weighing real signals — not just the loudest ones.

**How to use this card.** When you reassess in the field, walk all five categories before you decide. Pressures 1–3 are operational reality. Pressure 4 is the bias toward continuing — name it out loud. Pressure 5 is the signal you can't articulate yet — treat it as data.

**01**
**ENVIRONMENT & SITE**

The conditions you're actually standing in — not the forecast you read last night.

- Has weather, water, terrain or visibility moved outside what the RAS assumed?
- Are conditions trending up, down, or holding?
- Has the site itself changed since planning — track damage, closures, other groups?

**02**
**GROUP & STAFF READINESS**

The people doing the activity — staff and ākonga — today, not on paper.

- Last-minute changes to group composition? Who isn't here who was meant to be?
- Staff illness or availability changes? Are competencies and ratios still met?
- How is the group presenting — energy, fitness, attention, behaviour?

**03**
**LOGISTICS**

The supporting machinery — permissions, gear, transport, comms.

- Missing permission slips, ākonga without consent on file?
- Venue changes, access issues, transport delays?
- Missing or broken gear — especially safety, comms or first-aid?

**04**
**EXTERNAL PRESSURE**

The quiet bundle of forces pushing toward "keep going". Name them so they don't make the decision for you.

- Student expectations · the trip has been built up for weeks.
- Cost implications · transport booked, sites paid, kit hired.
- Assessment · this event is tied to a credit or an outcome.
- Reschedule difficulty · calendar, season, staff coverage.
- Perceived consequences of cancelling · what will it look like?

**05**
**INTUITION**

Your gut feeling. **A signal, not a verdict.** If something feels wrong, treat it as data: stop, name what you're noticing out loud, and run a proper reassessment before you decide.

- What specifically am I uneasy about? Can I trace it to one of the pressures above?
- What would I be saying right now if a colleague I trusted asked me whether to proceed?
- Is anyone else on the team feeling the same? Have I asked?

**REMEMBER**

**Calling it off is a successful outcome.**

The thing about external pressure is that **it never goes away on its own** — it's strongest in the moment you most need to ignore it. Pre-decide what you can with Operational Limits (Mod 5). For everything else, run the loop, talk to your team, and trust the process. **A team that cancels appropriately is a team that can keep running events.**