

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AUCKLAND REGISTRY**

I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA

ENV-2022-AKL-000065

IN THE MATTER The Resource Management Act 1991
 (the **Act**)

AND

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under clause 14(1) of
 the First Schedule of the Act

BETWEEN **HORONGARARA POINT GROUP**

Appellant

AND

WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL

Respondent

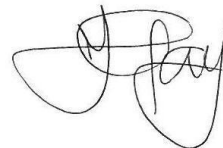
**NOTICE OF WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO
PROCEEDINGS**

DATED 22 MARCH 2022

**To: The Registrar
Environment Court
Auckland**

1. The Waikato Regional Council (**WRC**) gives notice that it wishes to be a party to the appeal by Horongarara Point Group (ENV-AKL-2022-000065) against a decision of the Waikato District Council on submissions on its Proposed Waikato District Plan (**Proposed DP**).
2. WRC made a submission and further submission about the subject matter of the proceedings and presented evidence at the Stage 2 – Natural Hazards hearing (submissions 2101 and 3031). WRC acknowledged that there may be some need for refinement of the natural hazards mapping, including the high-risk coastal hazard (erosion) area and held a neutral position on submissions that requested amendments to the mapping.
3. WRC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. WRC is interested in all of the proceedings relating to this appeal.
5. The general reasons for WRC's interest in the proceedings are:
 - 5.1 The matter requires an in-depth analysis of both the Slope Stability Assessment report prepared on behalf of Horongarara Point and the WDC hazard report to compare the methodology and fully understand the observations raised as part of the peer review process.
 - 5.2 The Waikato Regional Policy Statement (WRPS) policies 13.1 and 13.2 provide for the management of activities to reduce the risks from natural hazards by using an integrated and holistic risk-based approach.
6. WRC currently adopts a neutral position with respect to the relief sought in the appeal and seeks to ensure that effect is given to the WRPS through the appeal process.
7. WRC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

DATED at Hamilton this 22nd day of March 2022



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