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Attention Waikato District Council – District Plan Hearings Panel

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Turangawaewae Trust Board provide the following response to the Second Directions from the Hearing Panel dated 26 June 2019.

Turangawaewae Trust Board are disappointed, both in the need for this response and the tone / impression created by this direction. Whilst the facts of this situation (as we see them) are laid out below, we wish to briefly address the impression created which will no doubt, have been observed by others reading it. Turangawaewae Trust Board do not expect special treatment in terms of deadlines or run an organisation that cannot meet deadlines. Turangawaewae Trust Board as a significant landowner, contributor to the local economy and community have made a conscious decision to participate in this process from the outset, which has been a 5-year commitment and counting. Turangawaewae Trust Board have a working relationship with Waikato District staff and councillors alike, which has included the ongoing offer of support and guidance in relation to cultural issues in the district. This offer remains and will continue to be available for the betterment of the district in general, any other impression created is unfair and unwarranted.

The facts of the submission 'issue' are very clear to Turangawaewae Marae Trust Board and can be provided in a bulleted format.

- Turangawaewae lodge a submission to the Proposed Waikato District Plan on October 8 or October 9, 2018. The exact date is not possible to provide, as the submission was typed directly into councils system and thus not creating a 'sent' item in the Turangawaewae Trust Boards email system.
- Waikato District Council notify their summary of submissions, minus the Turangawaewae Trust Board submission. Turangawaewae representatives then engage with council staff as to where the submission is, and it is at this point that Turangawaewae Trust Board are informed that no submission has been received. In the many months that lapsed between the closing of submissions and their notification, there is no possible means or reason for Turangawaewae Trust Board to be aware that their submission has not been received.
- Turangawaewae Trust Board representatives enter into discussions with council staff as to how the situation came about and how it can be remedied. Council staff were unable to offer any explanation as to how it was possible but did reference other issues had been presented in relation to their online system. At this point staff requested that Turangawaewae Trust Board provide their submission again and whilst it is likely to be deemed late by the hearing panel, it will still be received as all others, albeit with the late tag attached. Whilst in

fundamental disagreement with the notion that the submission was late, Turangawaewae Trust Board accepted the situation and did not go public or respond to previous directions, with their concerns around the online system, out of respect for the relationship.

Turangawaewae Trust Board are of the opinion that they have participated in the process appropriately and due to no fault of our own, have been singled out in this flawed district plan review process. Turangawaewae Trust Board strongly believe that no party has been disadvantaged by the timing of the 'late' submission and it should be accepted with the other late submissions by the hearing panel.

Kia ora mai ano  
Turangawaewae Trust Board

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Chairperson