

Memo

To: Waikato District Plan Hearings Panel, Waikato District Council

From: Gavin Donald, GMD Consultants

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Date: 10/05/2021

Re: Hopuhopu Special Purpose Zone Hearing

Venue & Legal Submissions Considerations

Tena koutou,

I am providing this communication to the District Plan Hearings Panel on behalf of Waikato-Tainui.

As the panel will have seen by the evidence provided by Waikato-Tainui, a significant amount of time and effort has gone into the zone hearing for the Hopuhopu Special Purpose Zone. To ensure that all information is communicated in the best possible manner, we make the following procedural requests for consideration by the hearing panel.

The Hopuhopu is site of great significance to Waikato-Tainui, the evidence provided to you reflects that. It is the intention of Waikato-Tainui to have 5 – 7 presenters at the hearing and potentially 5 technical experts in attendance to support the process. Given these numbers of attendees and the anticipated conversational nature of this hearing, Waikato-Tainui request that this hearing be undertaken in person. Waikato-Tainui believe that this will better serve all parties in understanding the aspirations for the site, as opposed to an online hearing.

The second request from Waikato-Tainui is also process focused. Waikato-Tainui request the due date for legal submissions, as it relates to Hopuhopu be extended. This request primarily relates to the confidential nature of our technical information and the hearing panels consideration of this technical information. The Hopuhopu Special Purpose Zone, whilst forming part of broader Hearing 25 rezoning package, is a discrete matter being reported on, with only two parties being represented at the scheduled hearing set down for June 23 2021 – Waikato-Tainui and Council.

Thank you for consideration of these matters, these are raised only to provide the best possible information to the hearings panel in consideration of the Hopuhopu Special Purpose Zone.

Regards

Gavin Donald

