IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of Hearing Submissions and Further Submissions on the Proposed Waikato District Plan

MEMORANDUM BY COUNCIL TO HEARING COMMISSIONERS RELATING TO SCHEDULE 30.2 NOTABLE TREES

29 JULY 2021

May it please the Hearing Commissioners:

- 1. The Closing Statement for Hearing 14: Historic Heritage and Notable Trees was provided on 4th September 2020 and included, as Appendix 6, a revised Schedule 30.2 Notable Trees.
- 2. This schedule listed as item 33 a Norfolk Island Pine located at 129 Russell Road, property number 2005634.
- 3. On 3rd March 2021, a customer query was received by Council in regards to whether the large tree at 129 Russell Road was able to be cut down. In responding to the query a staff member on behalf of Council incorrectly advised that the tree could be removed. There was no information provided to the customer as to the heritage values of the tree or the requirements of the Resource Consent Process to remove the tree.
- 4. As a result of the incorrect information provided to the customer, the tree has now been cut down.
- 5. Consequently Schedule 30.2 as submitted on 4th September 2020 is now incorrect.
- 6. This memorandum is to request that the Hearing Panel remove item no 33 from Schedule 30.2 Notable Trees prior to release of Decisions.

Dated at Ngaruawahia this 29th day of July 2021

Betty Connolly, Policy Planner Waikato District Council.