



3 September 2019

Mr P Mitchell  
Chair, Hearings Panel  
Waikato District Plan Review  
Via email to the Hearings Secretary

*He hoonore he kororia ki te atua, he maungarongo ki te mata o te whenua, he whakaaro pai ki ngaa tangata katora. Pai Maarire.*

Teena koe Mr Mitchell,

At the most recent Joint Management Agreement meeting of Waikato-Tainui and Waikato District Council, the district plan review process was discussed from a submitter's perspective. We were able to communicate with councillors and His Worship the Mayor, how the process has disadvantaged iwi and hapuu through the elongated time it has taken to develop the proposed plan and the significant costs associated with the process. It was also discussed that the process of hearing submissions by topic rather than submitter would increase costs significantly, through the need to prepare multiple pieces of evidence and having to attend multiple hearings.

As a JMA partner it is our position that we should have been specifically engaged on the hearings process. We note the first direction sent by the hearing panel however, neither Waikato-Tainui nor any other submitter could have anticipated the significant number of hearings that are proposed to be held pre-Christmas 2019. Furthermore, the additional demand created by the submission of Ambury Limited evidence in this period only increases resource demand.

Waikato-Tainui would appreciate if you and your panel colleagues would consider hearing our evidence at one time. We are committed to this process but also need to ensure our limited resources are best used on behalf of our tribal members. In considering this request and possible impact on other submitters, we remind the panel that we are unique to other submitters as treaty partners with the Crown and as co-governance partners with Waikato District Council through our Joint Management Agreement.

Thank you in advance for considering this request and I look forward to hearing from you.

Ngaa mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Tukere".

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