

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of a submission in respect of the **PROPOSED WAIKATO DISTRICT PLAN** by **AMBURY PROPERTIES LIMITED** pursuant to Clause 6 of Schedule 1 of the Act seeking the rezoning of land at Ohinewai

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF GLEN TUPUHI

1. My name is Glen Tupuhi. I am the Chairman of the Tangata Whenua Governance Group ("TWGG"). I prepared a statement of evidence dated 31 August 2020. The purpose of this document is to summarise that statement.
2. The TWGG is made up of the Waahi Whaanui Trust, Te Riu O Waikato Limited (TROWL), Nga Muka Development Trust and Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated (Waikato Tainui).
3. Waikato Tainui considered and assessed the manner in which responses to developments from marae, hapuu, and the tribal authority have occurred to date and decided to collectivise efforts and allocation of resources to effectively meet future demands in the north Waikato. They acted on the success of lessons learnt from the collective Waikato Tainui Tangata Whenua Governance Group established to inform and assist the successful completion of the Huntly to Taupiri section of the Waikato Expressway. That model has therefore been adopted to respond to the proposed Sleepyhead Estate development at Ohinewai through the formation of the Sleepyhead Estate Tangata Whenua Governance Group ("TWGG").
4. In effect, the TWGG is a North Waikato maxi marae cluster with central Waikato Tainui partnership resourced expertise. It was formed in order to formalise the relationship between mana whenua and APL/TCG to ensure that their environmental, cultural and spiritual values are appropriately identified, recognised and provided and that the development is beneficial to all parties.

5. On 20 November 2019, a memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) was signed by TWGG and TCG / APL representatives which records the intention of the parties to work collaboratively on the project. Consistent with the MOU, the functions of the TWGG are to identify and promote the cultural, social, environmental, and economic aspirations of TWGG members.
6. Development of the type proposed at the Sleepyhead Estate offers huge opportunities for our people. Crucially, there will be a post pandemic impact on whanau in Huntly as well as other pockets of deprivation across the north Waikato, adding considerable stressors to an already inequitably deprived population.
7. The combination of jobs and housing in the Sleepyhead Estate development proposal is a major attraction for TWGG. The proposal to provide the industry jobs and a home ownership incentive is also attractive to TWGG in that it adds a home retention insurance policy against future economic uncertainty.
8. TCG’s commitment to the north Waikato is clear and has already been demonstrated through training and employment initiatives that are underway. Their family-based, socially responsible and inclusive approach to the development closely matches the values and aspirations of the TWGG. This, coupled with their proposed investment in jobs, training and infrastructure in a deprived area of the Waikato means the TWGG strongly supports the development. This has always been on the basis of TCG/APL’s equally strong commitment to environmental values and practices.
9. Comparing it to the current agricultural land use and taking into account the intergenerational environmental, cultural, social and economic impact that agriculture, and especially dairy has on our environment and communities, there is no obvious wealth trickle down to whanau, hapuu marae in the area and the return by way of direct benefits, i.e. employment, is miniscule. By comparison TCG have a proven track record in employing Maori and Pasifika people with an exemplary human resources record.
10. A Kaitiaki Environmental Values Assessment (“KEVA”) has been prepared and includes 27 recommended actions. The TWGG and TCG/APL have been working through implementation of the recommendations and have made good progress.
11. The Sleepyhead Estate development represents an enormous opportunity to create an ongoing partnership between mana whenua and a private developer and investor that will bring social, economic and cultural benefits to a deprived area of the Waikato District.

12. Therefore, I urge that that the rezoning be approved so the many initiatives we have established with TCG/APL can be realised.

Glen Tupuhi
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