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Hearing Commissioners for the Proposed Waikato District Plan
Waikato District Council
Via e-mail

**Re: Hearing 21B Landscapes – Mapping of the Significant Amenity Landscape –
Submission 862.37 from Havelock Village Ltd**

1. Havelock Village Limited made a submission (862.37) seeking the deletion of the Significant Amenity Landscape (SAL) from the properties at 242 and 278 Bluff Road.
2. The submission was accompanied by a landscape and visual assessment by Mr Rob Pryor of LA4 Landscape Architects. Mr Pryor considers that the SAL overlays affecting both these properties are not appropriate from a visual and landscape perspective. He states that the SAL covers lower river flats which have been degraded and extensively modified through pastoral activities involving grazing and the construction of drainage channels. His opinion is that these areas do not reflect a moderate level of aesthetic coherence and that the SAL should be removed completely.
3. Ms Macartney has addressed the submission in paragraphs 572 to 580 (pages 175 to 178) of the Section 42A Report. She recommends the deletion of the SAL within 278 Bluff Road and its reduction in size within 242 Bluff Road as it relates to Havelock Village Limited's interests. The matters raised by the Tata Valley Ltd submission in respect to 242 Bluff Road are addressed in a separate brief of evidence.
4. The mapping prepared by Boffa Miskell illustrates the deletion of the SAL from 278 Bluff Road.
5. I agree with Ms Macartney's analysis that the SAL looks to have been copied directly from the former Franklin District Site of Special Wildlife Interest (SSWI). That overlay related to areas of wetlands which have long since been drained. The SSWI overlay addressed ecology matters and is not a substitute for a SAL addressing landscape matters.
6. I agree with the recommendation of Ms Macartney and commend this to the Hearing Commissioners.

7. I seek that this letter be tabled at the hearing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. Tollemache', written in a cursive style.

Mark Tollemache
Town Planner, MPlan