

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER

of hearings regarding submissions to the proposed Waikato District Plan relating to **Hearing 25: Zone Extents.**

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF NIGEL & LEE TILEY

210F LOGAN ROAD, BUCKLAND

LOCAL RESIDENT

17 FEBRUARY 2020

Good afternoon commissioners

My wife and I, Lee, live at 210F Logan Road Buckland. Our land area is 20 acres or 8.09 hectares. I would describe it as a financially unproductive lifestyle block.

We normally graze up to 10 cattle and try to reduce that number during the winter months. Our core business is Thoroughbred Racehorse Training and we utilise our property to spell our own racehorses but due to the size of our land holding we can only spell up to 5 horses at any one time with the need to rest and rotate paddocks.

We purchased our property in 2004 and since taking possession we have undertaken significant improvements in both our dwelling and land improvement as the land was very average with a lot of gorse and shelter trees in very poor condition due to neglect. It would be fair to say that we have put in a lot of toil and effort to improve our property.

We love living in Buckland and being within 5 kilometres of the Main Street of Pukekohe, 3 kilometres of the railway station and the ever-growing southern end of Manukau Road we are in a prime position to utilise what Pukekohe has to offer to the Buckland community.

There are 6 lifestyle blocks (mostly smaller in size) on our shared driveway and I do not consider that any of our land is economically viable for horticulture production. Being directly adjacent to the boundary of Auckland, Buckland is an ideal location for future growth.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our submission.

Nigel & Lee Tiley