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## TANGATA WHENUA GOVERNANCE GROUP AMBURY PROPERTIES REZONING

E te rangatira e David, teenaa koe

This letter is to acknowledge that Ambury Properties Ltd, and wider to the New Zealand Comfort Group, have established a proactive, positive and respectful relationship with iwi and mana whenua in Ohinewai, as part of the Sleepyhead Estate development. We acknowledge that as part of strengthening the relationship, the Tangata Whenua Governance Group (TWGG) and Ambury Properties Ltd (APL) and New Zealand Comfort Group (NZCG) signed a Memorandum of Understanding at the Ohinewai site on 20 November 2019. To date, the TWGG and APL have been working constructively to address and accommodate the identified issues and opportunities arising from the Ohinewai Sleepyhead Estate development.

The representative and mandated iwi and mana whenua organisations on the TWGG are:

- Nga Muka Development
- Waahi Whaanui Trust
- Te Riu o Waikato, and
- Waikato-Tainui (Te Whakakitenga o Waikato)

In the context of the resource consent process for the earthworks consents, we have reviewed the technical documents lodged with the applications and participated in discussions with APL's experts accordingly.

With respect to the larger investigations being undertaken for the Ohinewai Sleepyhead Estate development, although we have received presentations from the technical experts on planning, ecology, flooding, and management of the three waters (water supply, stormwater management, and wastewater), we have not received nor reviewed the technical documents that will be supplied to the Waikato District Council as part of the proposed re-zoning process.

Unfortunately at this stage, respectfully we are unable to confidently provide a support letter to APL and NZCG for its proposed re-zoning in Ohinewai as sought through its submission to the Proposed Waikato District Plan. Therefore please be informed that the further submission in opposition lodged by Waikato-Tainui to the APL and NZCG original submission still stands.

However we can state that when the information (technical documents) are made available for review, the TWGG will actively pursue to engage with its beneficiaries and members to prepare a Cultural Values Assessment (CVA) that will be provided to APL and the Council in early 2020. The purpose of the CVA will be to record the traditional, spiritual, historical and cultural associations with the area, as well as outline the local expressions of the perspectives, interests and values described in Tai Tumu Tai Pari Tai Ao: Waikato-Tainui Environmental Management Plan, Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato/Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River, and Whakatupuranga 2050. The CVA will become the baseline report for participation by the representatives of the TWGG and their respective organisations and will inform the development of measures to address any impacts of the project on mana whenua.

In consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding, the TWGG will be involved in the rezoning process to ensure that the baseline values expressed in the cultural values assessment are upheld in the final plans and policies associated with the Sleepyhead Estate development.

Please contact Glen Tupuhi of Nga Muka Development Trust if you have any questions in relation to this letter.

Ngaa mihi

Glen Tupuhi

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Chairperson

**Tangata Whenua Governance Group**