

**IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991(RMA)**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER Variation 3 to the Waikato District Plan**

**JOINT WITNESS STATEMENT (JWS) IN RELATION TO:**

**Enabling Housing Supply Variation 3 and PLANNING (3)**

**6 June 2023**

Expert Conferencing Held on: 6 June 2023

Venue: In person at Waikato District Council offices, Ngaaruawaahia

Independent Facilitator: Alan Withy

Admin Support: Sandra Kelly (Waikato District Council)

**1 Attendance:**

1.0 The list of participants is included in the schedule at the end of this Statement.

1.1 In terms of potential conflicts of interest:

- a) MGLA is currently undertaking work for Kaainga Ora.
- b) Giles Boundy participated in the Proposed District Plan drafting.
- c) Michael Campbell is assisting Kaainga Ora with Waipa District Council and Hamilton City Council with their IPI's.

**2 Basis of Attendance and Environment Court Practice Note 2023**

2.0 All participants agree to the following:

- (a) The Environment Court Practice Note 2023 provides relevant guidance and protocols for the expert conferencing session;
- (b) They will comply with the relevant provisions of the Environment Court Practice Note 2023;
- (c) They will make themselves available to appear before the Panel;
- (d) This statement is to be filed with the Panel and posted on the Council's website.

2.1 The document (a) above was referred to and nothing in this process was contrary to the guidance therein.

2.2 Item (b) above was discussed and those who may give evidence before the panel indicated comply with the practice note.

2.3 Item (c) above relevant personnel will be giving evidence before the panel.

2.4 Item (d) no objection was raised to output of this meeting being posted on the website.

### **3 Matters considered at Conferencing – Agenda and Outcomes**

3.0 Karakia – Kaumatua Karu Kukutai

#### **3.1 Introductions and Process**

- a) The facilitator introduced himself and proposed approach to proceedings. No objection was raised and the session proceeded on a confidential basis with outputs in this report to be agreed by all.

#### **3.2 Existing zoning pattern PDP**

- a) Fiona Hill Principal Policy Planner described the zoning pattern and its context and noted the two zones in the proposed plan decisions version, being the medium density zone and general residential zone.
- b) The principal issue discussed was how Variation 3 affects viewshafts, outlook, associations, experience and connections to the natural landscape from Turangawaewae Marae. The context of these issues were discussed with particular reference to Hakarimata, Taupiri and the Awa.
- c) Dave Mansergh explained with the aid of models and slides how the various planning scenarios would affect the view towards Hakarimata and Taupiri.
- d) The central government mandated IPI which prompted Variation 3 is required to be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Enabling Housing Act and the National Policy Statement Urban development.
- e) It was acknowledged Ngaaruawaahia was a special place and particularly important to Mana Whenua, Kiingitanga, the community and Maaori.
- f) It was agreed that there are limitations on desired outputs from the meeting which are beyond the scope of the panel hearing.
- g) Turangawaewae Marae and Waikato Tainui Te Whakakitenga o Waikato representatives will collaborate in their presentations and evidence to the panel. It was recognised that some other submitters were not present at this hui.
- h) Various possible planning techniques were discussed that could be implemented to satisfy some of the concerns of the marae representatives. Fiona, Dave, Michael, Cameron, Rangatira and Giles are to consult between now and the hearing and incorporate proposals within their evidence.
- i) Kaainga Ora will consider the discussions held today and consider its submissions with its specialists.

### **4 PARTICIPANTS TO JOINT WITNESS STATEMENT**

4.0 The participants to this Joint Witness Statement, as listed below, confirm that:

- (a) They agree that the outcome(s) of the expert conferencing are as recorded in this statement; and
- (b) They have read the Environment Court’s Practice Note 2023 and agree to comply with it; and

(c) The matters addressed in this statement are within their area of expertise; and

**Confirmed in person: 6 June 2023**

<b>EXPERT'S NAME &amp; EXPERTISE</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>EXPERT'S CONFIRMATION REFER PARA 4.1</b>
Fiona Hill (planner)	Waikato District Council	Yes
Dave Mansergh (landscape architect)	Waikato District Council	Yes
Kerri Kinghorn (GIS)	Waikato District Council	Yes
Giles Boundy (planner)	Waikato Tainui	Yes
Kahurimu Flavell (project advisor)	Waikato Tainui	Yes
Hinerangi Raumati (Chair)	Tuurangawaewae Marae	Yes
Giles Boundy (planning)	Tuurangawaewae Marae	Yes
Rangatira Simon (principal advisor)	Tuurangawaewae Marae	Yes
Glenda Raumati	Tuurangawaewae Marae	Yes
Karu Kukutai	Tuurangawaewae Marae	Yes
Michael Campbell (planner)	Kaainga Ora	Yes
Cameron Wallace (urban designer)	Kaainga Ora	Yes